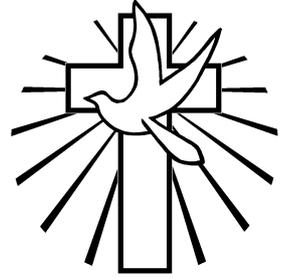


CHRIST CHURCH EPSOM COMMON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Registered Charity No. 1127945



Main points of the PCC meeting held on
Monday 10 November 2014

Here is the usual summary of the PCC's recent meeting. As always, fuller details are in the displayed draft minutes.

WW1 Centenary: Our appeal for donations to fund a tree – at £20 a time – in the Langley Vale WW1 Memorial Wood for each of the 57 named on Christ Church's memorial was launched on Remembrance Sunday, 9 November. We were heartened to learn that, on that very first day, pledges were collected for over three quarters of them.

The Ebola crisis: We agreed to send the £125 remaining in the total we set aside for responding to emergencies to *Christian Aid's* appeal to help the people of West Africa deal with the Ebola crisis.

Vacancies: Among a number of vacancies, it is getting urgent to recruit more people to help with the Sunday morning children's groups, and someone to take on the co-ordination of *Christian Aid Week* for Christ Church. Please consider if you could take on one of these posts and let us know.

New altar frontal and vestments: Thanks to a legacy from the late Pat Shortman and the generosity of her sons, we are able to pursue the purchase of a new altar frontal and vestments etc for use in the "penitential" seasons of Advent and Lent. The formal processes and then the making of these custom-designed items will inevitably take some time, but the end result will be a fine memorial for Pat & Ron Shortman.

2020 Vision: We reviewed the useful outcomes of our 18 November "Away Day" about a Christ Church vision for 2020 around the theme of "Living Well" and began work on developing these into practical schemes.

Finance: While we are grateful for the responses to the "Stewardship Day" on Sunday 5 October, we were concerned to learn that the result is rather less than we need to re-establish our finances on a sound basis. If we are not to curtail our activities and missions giving – let alone expand them – we need to boost our future income.

Premises: The recent Quinquennial Inspection did not, fortunately, raise anything of which we were unaware. Work was already in hand to attend to leaks in the church roof. A particular priority is to attend to some problems with our beautiful stained glass windows, where we commissioned thinking to explore the extent to which this could be combined with other desirable high-level work.

Fire precautions: Would you know what to do if there were ever a fire in the Church or Hall? If you don't, please see the notices posted in the Tower porch, Hall lobby and Choir Vestry.

Christmas Card: The usual card giving details of the special services at both Christ Church and Christ Church on the Wells will be available very soon. Please then help in the delivery of one to every home in the Parish – our major outreach activity of the year.

Next meeting: Our next meeting will be held on Monday 12 January at 8pm in the Hall.

Roger Morgan
PCC Secretary