

CHRIST CHURCH EPSOM COMMON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Registered Charity No. 1127945

Main points of the PCC meeting held on
Monday 8 March 2010



Here is a summary of our recent PCC meeting – our last before the Annual Church Meeting on Sunday 25 April. We were joined by the Revd Stuart Thomas who, as our Rural Dean, has responsibility for the parish during the vacancy (the term “interregnum” is no longer used) created by the Revd Andrew Facey’s recent decision to move on. As usual, fuller details are in the draft minutes which will also be on display.

Ceilidh

We expressed our great thanks to Phil & Vicki Goldby, and their team, for the Ceilidh on 27 February. Some 110 people of all ages (and dancing ability!) had a splendid evening of fun and fellowship.

The event generated a small surplus which we agreed should be used to subsidise a summertime barbecue as another fun and fellowship event for the whole Christ Church family.

Missions

From the £15,500 earmarked for Missions and Outreach in the 2009 budget, we agreed payment of the second instalment of funds to our championed missions. Apart from a couple of cases where the financial needs are more modest, this has provided each of the remaining seven causes with a total of £1,850 over the year.

You will have seen the recent publicity about arrangements to review and “refresh” the list of championed missions. So as not to spread ourselves too thinly, we limit ourselves to a ten causes. Two have recently ceased to need support, but two new ones were proposed, We were please to agree them, and also to continue support for the remaining eight causes – all for the next three-year period. Anne Sturton (who chairs the Missions Group) is writing in *Christ Church News* with fuller details.

Annual Church Meeting

As agreed at last year’s customary Monday evening meeting, our 2010 Annual Meeting will be a shorter event held at 12 noon on Sunday 25 April.

We reviewed and agreed the agenda and papers to go to this meeting, copies of which will be available shortly. Among other things, these include reports:

- from Christ Church on the Wells, where this small community church continues its useful work in good shape, not least because of the valued role of the local worship leaders Anne Chandler, Janet Hinton and Elizabeth Martin; and
- on the main church’s finances where, thanks to the 2009 Church Alive programme which helped generate a total income of £137,000, we achieved a small in-year General Fund surplus of £1,440 to help build up the reserves after recent years’ in-year deficits.

Filling the vacancy

For the last section of the meeting, the Rural Dean led us through the procedure for finding a new Vicar. The overall process necessarily takes some time, and it is unlikely that a new Vicar will be in post before 2011. The first step is for the PCC to draw up a “Parish Profile and Statement of Needs”. Members are reflecting on the issues in preparation for a mid-May meeting where we aim to clarify the vision that will inform that document. The Rural Dean encouraged the PCC and the whole church, after the challenges of the last year, to pray for a clear vision for the next stage in the life of the parish – and, more generally, to see coming months as a valuable opportunity for all to regroup around that new focus.

Future meetings

Our next meeting will be a short one immediately after the Annual Meeting on 25 April to put in place the main PCC arrangements for 2010-11. As noted above, we shall then be holding a special meeting on 17 May to do detailed work on the “job description” for a new Vicar. The next routine meeting after that is scheduled for 21 June.

Roger Morgan
PCC Secretary