

CHRIST CHURCH EPSOM COMMON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Registered Charity No. 1127945

Main points of the PCC meeting held on
Monday 21 June 2010



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

People: All were saddened by the sudden death of Jim Hewitt at the turn of the month, and we remembered him and Alison with affection. We also wished Eve & Michael Tovell and David Hammett Godspeed on their impending moves from the district, with great thanks for all that they had contributed to the life of Christ Church.

Appointments: We completed the round of annual appointments begun at the Annual Church and PCC Meetings on 25 April, in particular appointing: Sue Leather as the new Electoral Roll Officer; and a reconstituted Premises Group with Martin Shipton as the interim Chairman and Michael Rose as Clerk. With profound thanks for her work in the parish, we were pleased to endorse the renewal of Pam Buckingham's "permission to officiate" as LLM/Reader. We also recognised and celebrated the large number of individuals in non-annual appointments without whose work, often behind the scenes, neither Christ Church nor the Wells could function. At the same time, we noted that there were few areas where more people were not needed and would ask you to consider whether there are areas in which you could help.

Children: The work of the Sunday Children's Groups is, as Devorah Burns noted at a recent Parish Communion, one particular area where additional leaders and helpers are urgently needed if we are to maintain and develop this important part of our provision. In the meantime, we re-affirmed the Parish Child Protection policy for 2010-11.

Missions: We agreed to set aside a total of £13,210 for the "refreshed" list of championed missions. This seems an odd sum, but allows a payment of £250 (all that is required) to the MU's Sierra Leone project and £1,440 to each of the 9 others. Those others will be paid in two instalments as cash flow permits: one about now and the second as the books are close at the end of the financial year.

Finance: We were delighted to acknowledge an anonymous and most generous gift of £5,000 and, from late Molly Hardwick, a splendid legacy of £93,000. We shall be giving careful thought to the best use of these large sums. This boost to our resources did not mean that we could relax on routine finance matters: notwithstanding the advances made by the Church Alive programme, initial indications were that various moves from the district meant that regular giving and other routine income were just about keeping pace with our tightly controlled expenditure. A clearer picture will be available from the mid-year figures that available in September.

The search for a new Vicar: At our 17 May meeting, we set up small groups to prepare the first drafts of the key "Parish Profile" and "Statement of Needs". Both groups – which are also liaising with others as necessary – are making good progress and we agreed to hold a meeting on Monday 26 July for a thorough review of the texts which, by then, will have been merged into a coherent whole. We then expect during August to be able to hold the so-called "Section 11" meeting to sign off the final documents and thus formally launch the search for a new Vicar. Please continue to pray for all involved in this important work, not least by using the Parish Vacancy Prayer which, thanks to an individual's initiative and generosity, is now available on small cards to keep with you.

Evening Services: We endorsed the proposal that, from September, our evening services would revert to the normal 6.30pm and that, as usual, there would be no evening services during August.

Dates for your diary: We are aiming to have the usual "Open Afternoon" associated with the Epsom & Ewell Heritage weekend of 11 & 12 September. We have also earmarked Sunday 26 September as both "Come to Church Sunday" and Harvest Festival with a midday BBQ.

Future meetings: As noted above, we are meeting on Monday 26 July to review the "Parish Profile" and "Statement of Needs" and, shortly thereafter (on a date yet to be fixed) to sign these off. Our next routine meeting will be held on Monday 13 September. All meetings will be at 8pm in the Hall.

Roger Morgan
PCC Secretary