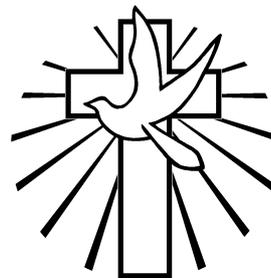


CHRIST CHURCH EPSOM COMMON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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Main points of the PCC meeting held on
Monday 12 June 2017

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

As usual, we began our first full meeting of the new PCC year with a short Eucharist, firmly rooting our work and lives in Christ.

Appointments: In addition to the formal annual appointments made at Annual Church and PCC Meetings on 30 April, we reaffirmed in office the very many people holding various posts within Christ Church not needing annual renewal (as listed in the 2-page annex to the minutes). We are enormously grateful for the invaluable contribution these people make – often behind the scenes – to church life.

Children's Sunday Groups: However, there remain a number of vacancies – most pressingly for helpers with the Children's Sunday Groups. If you feel you could help in this vital strand of Christ Church's work, please speak to either the Vicar or Katherine Chambers.

Missions: In our budget for 2017, we had set aside £12,000 for Missions giving. On the recommendation of the Missions Group, we agreed to allocate this total with immediate payments of £400 (all that is required) to the MU's Sierra Leone project and £1,090 to each of Christ Church's nine other championed missions. The remaining £1,790 allows us to respond to emergency or *ad hoc* appeals as they arise, and we have already contributed £500 to *Christian Aid's* East Africa Appeal.

Appeals: That support for Missions is, of course, additional to people's generous direct support of charities. Looking ahead, we agreed that the beneficiary of the usual Harvest Appeal should be the Farming Community Network, a Christian charity supporting the farming community through difficult times.

Progress to our 2020 Vision: Work continues on assembling the more detailed proposals for consideration, but a little slower than envisaged through complications of securing co-ordinated specialist help. We hope to be better placed by the Autumn.

Youth & Families Worker: In the meantime, and in the light of the useful discussion at the 14 May *Talkabout*, we have set up a group to draw up plans for the possible engagement a part-time Youth & Families Worker in 2018. As noted at the *Talkabout*, however, such a post will work only if Christ Church people are ready to support it – not only with their time (engaging in the various initiatives that the Worker will lead and co-ordinate) but also with the necessary significant additional finance, of which more in due course.

Inclusive Church: Further to the 14 May *Talkabout* discussion, we decided that Christ Church will not take up membership of *Inclusive Church*. We shall, however, be revising our "welcome" message to clarify that we extend this to all with a sincere desire to grow their Christian faith.

Safeguarding: Taking account of the new national and diocesan framework (which we formally endorsed), we up-dated and reaffirmed for 2017-18 our parish policies for the protection of children & vulnerable adults.

Next meeting: Monday 11 September at 8pm in the Hall.

Roger Morgan
PCC Secretary