

# CHRIST CHURCH EPSOM COMMON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Registered Charity No. 1127945



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

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

**Love Fest:** We looked back on the mid-February "Love Fest". This began with the 8 February "Big Promise", part of a synchronised nation-wide renewal of wedding vows as part of National Marriage Week. Our 18 couples – as pictured in the *Epsom Guardian* – helped contribute to the hoped-for World Record of such renewals! The exhibition of wedding dresses from every decade of the last century was open to the public over the week and attracted much interest.

**Lent and Easter:** Good use has been made of our newly-acquired licence with the showing of two CS Lewis films as part of the Home Groups' Lent programme. We shared the Vicar's gratitude for the thought-provoking artworks on "Stations of the Cross" produced by some talented parishioners, and endorsed plans to open these for the public on a couple of dates nearer Easter. We also welcomed plans for another procession from Christ Church to Christ Church on the Wells on Palm Sunday morning and a sung Evensong as the *Embrace* service on Easter Sunday.

**Christ Church on the Wells:** For many years, Christ Church on the Wells has operated under a "Constitution" written in the early 1990s – soon after it became part of Christ Church. Things have moved on a lot since then and, in consultation with the Wells Committee, we agreed appropriately updated new "Terms of Reference" for this valuable provision on the Wells.

**Annual Church Meeting (Sunday 6 April at 12 noon):** We approved the annual accounts, and agreed the agenda and other papers to go to Annual Meeting. Copies of these – together with nomination forms for the various vacancies – were available at both Christ Church and Christ Church on the Wells from 16 March.

**Finance:** Among other things, those papers include a report on the main church's finances. 2013's income was £613 over the modest budget, which helped contain the in-year deficit to £14,800 – some £7,600 less than budgeted. Having spent nearly £23,000 on improving the Hall and on other maintenance over the year, the net worth of Christ Church was £132,000 at year end. On the 2014 budget, we are planning another in-year deficit of some £22,500 – although £12,000 of this is for the new Reserve Property Fund needing to be built up in preparation for expected significant maintenance work on our beautiful building. Among all this, we were pleased that we continued to spend nearly 14% of our "reckonable income" on supporting missions.

**Thanks:** This was the last meeting of the presently-constituted PCC, and we expressed our great thanks to two valued members: Martin Shipton who is shortly standing down at the end of his third term as Churchwarden; and Mike Reeves who is also standing down after a total of some 22 years' membership as a former Churchwarden and in various other capacities.

**Next Meetings:** The first very brief meeting of the PCC as reconstituted by the 6 April Annual Church Meeting will be held immediately after that for various 2014-15 "housekeeping" matters. The first substantive meeting is pencilled in for Monday 16 June at 8pm in the Hall.

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PCC Secretary