

CHRIST CHURCH EPSOM COMMON

Registered Charity No. 1127945

Main points of the Annual Church Meeting held on Sunday 25 April 2010



The Annual Church Meeting (strictly, the separate but end-on Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting) took place at noon on Sunday 25 April. This departure from the previous practice of Monday evening meetings was successful in attracting a larger attendance: 74 people attended, and helped to review the past year and plan for the one ahead. Among those present were the Archdeacon of Dorking, the Ven Julian Henderson (who had preached and presided at that morning's Parish Communion) and the Rural Dean, the Revd Stuart Thomas (who, as Priest in Charge during the Vacancy, chaired the Vestry Meeting).

Details will be in the draft minutes of the meeting that will be displayed shortly. However, key points from the various statutorily-required reports (most of which were published in advance of the meeting) are as below.

- The number on the Electoral Roll is now 257 – a net gain of 7 from the 2009 total, made up of 25 losses and 32 welcome additions.
- The 2009 accounts (covering both Christ Church and Christ Church on the Wells) were formally approved. The overall figures showed expenditure significantly higher than income. This was because of expenditure on much-needed improvements to the Hall – for which resources had been put aside. Discounting that and thanks to the generous response to the Church Alive programme, there was a small in-year surplus.
- For 2010, when the full effect of the Church Alive responses would be felt, the main church was able to budget for another small in-year surplus to continue rebuilding the reserves after the deficits of recent years.
- The review of the year had been prepared by Martin Shipton as the Acting Churchwarden but, as he had been delayed in his return from Australia, was delivered on his behalf. With the loss of our Curate, Churchwardens and Vicar, 2009-10 had been a challenging year. However, Christ Church was a strong community and, thanks to many people's hard work (although there was always room on the various rotas for more volunteers), parish worship and life had been well maintained. Indeed, there many good things to look back on – not least the successful Church Alive programme. Looking forward, a key task was to find a new incumbent. The PCC (with others) was about to begin drawing up the required "Parish Profile" and "Statement of Needs" that, in a process also involving the Diocese, should lead to the new Vicar's being in place in early 2011.
- Christ Church on the Wells was also able to look back on some highlights in its year. Numbers had begun to build up again, and increased income combined with reduced rental charges had enabled the Wells to increase its Missions giving.

The following elections and appointments were made at the meeting.

- **Churchwardens:** Hazel Rose and Martin Shipton.
- **Lay representatives on the PCC:** Tricia Coleman; Phil Goldby; Ruth Grint; Sue Matthews; and Roger Morgan.
- **Independent Examiner of the 2010 Accounts:** Harry Wilkinson.
- **Parish Child Protection Officer:** Sheila Frame.
- **Sidespeople:** Jenny Breese (Senior) – plus Marion Bathgate; David Blacoe; Graham Blunden; Robert Burns; Malcolm Channing; Helen Dibley; John Feltham; Alan Frame; Sheila Frame; Mary Jordan-Chambers; Michal Keefe; Peter Grint; Jim Hewitt; Patience Morriss; Maureen Roberts; Pamela Vonberg; Simon Wade; Vivienne Wade; Jessica Walls; and Jane Ward – with the hope that others would come forward to assist in this important part of church life.

Finally, the meeting warmly endorsed the vote of thanks to all those (with a particular word for the Revd Sue Curtis; our LLM, Pam Buckingham; and Acting Churchwarden Martin Shipton) whose faithful service of many different kinds – and often behind the scenes – had kept Christ Church going in good shape over the last year and augured well for the year ahead.

Roger Morgan, PCC Secretary