

CHRIST CHURCH EPSOM COMMON

Registered Charity No. 1127945

Main points of the Annual Church Meeting held on Sunday 22 April 2012



The Annual Church Meeting (strictly, the separate but end-on Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting) – the Revd Rosemary Donovan’s first as our Vicar – took place at noon on Sunday 22 April. 59 people attended, and helped to review the past year and plan for the one ahead.

Fuller details are in the displayed draft minutes. 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 226 – a net loss of 14 from the 2011 total, made up of 28 losses (including the deaths of Gwen Boyton, George Challis, Michael Coleman and Constance Vyvyan, each of whom we remembered with affection) and 14 welcome additions.
- The 2011 accounts showed a modest in-year surplus of £3,500 and were formally approved.
- That surplus was mainly the result of lower than anticipated expenditure on maintenance, but those needs were prominent in the main church budget for 2012 which was formally adopted by the meeting. Essential maintenance on the Church’s stonework, the Hall and 278 The Greenway were likely to cost about £45,000. The projected in-year deficit of £35,000 would be met by drawing on our reserves which, thanks to Molly Hardwick’s generous legacy a couple of years ago, were in a healthy state.
- The Vicar had delivered her “review of the year” as her sermon at Parish Communion. In this, she thanked all for the welcome she and Craig had received on moving to the parish in June 2011. In her first few months she had taken time to get to know us and the surrounding community better. She was most grateful for the many strengths she had found among us, but also noted some gaps as well as impending needs to allow some to “pass on their batons” after many years of loyal service. In discussion with the PCC, she had implemented a number of changes: to build up the spiritual and prayer life of the congregations as the essential foundation for further growth; to bolster the work among children and young people (who not only were an integral part of the church of today but also would be essential in the church of tomorrow); and, from our strengthened base, to develop our outreach into the surrounding and growing community. She looked to the year ahead with confidence.
- Christ Church on the Wells was also able to look back on an encouraging year. Numbers were healthy and, with a good range of worship and other activities, members of the congregation were looking forward with confidence to the year ahead.

The following elections and appointments were made at the meeting.

- **Churchwardens:** Hazel Rose and Martin Shipton.
- **Assistant Churchwarden** (*a new and informal role intended as a possible path to Churchwarden in due course*): Carol Jamieson.
- **Christ Church representative on the Deanery Synod:** Jenny Power.
- **Lay representatives on the PCC:** Alan Frame, Ruth Grint, Richard Martin, Anne Sturton and John Tregoning.
- **Independent Examiner of the 2012 Accounts:** Harry Wilkinson.
- **Parish Safeguarding Officer:** Jackie Brazier.
- **Sidespeople:** Jenny Breese (Senior) – plus David Blacoe; Graham Blunden; Robert Burns; Marilyn Brown; Mary Carter; Malcolm Channing; Alan Frame; Sheila Frame; Mary Jordan-Chambers; Michal Keefe; Peter Grint; Patience Morriss; Maureen Roberts; Pamela Vonberg; Simon Wade; Vivienne Wade; Jessica Walls; and Jane Ward.

Finally, the meeting warmly endorsed the vote of thanks to all those whose faithful service of many different kinds – and often behind the scenes – kept Christ Church going in good shape and augured well for the year ahead. We also thanked the Vicar for her inspiring leadership of the parish since her installation as Vicar in June 2011.

Roger Morgan, PCC Secretary