

CHRIST CHURCH EPSOM COMMON

Registered Charity No. 1127945

Main points of the Annual Church Meeting held on Sunday 14 April 2013



The Annual Church Meeting (strictly, the separate but end-on Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting) took place at noon on Sunday 14 April. 50 people attended to review the past year and plan for the one ahead. Fuller details are in the draft minutes. However, key points from the various statutorily-required reports (most of which were published in advance of the meeting) are as below.

- Following the recompilation of the Electoral Roll from scratch – as required every six years – the total enrolled is now 206.
- The 2012 accounts were formally approved. These showed a deficit of £13,000 over the year – which was rather less than had been budgeted because some of the intended repairs and maintenance had not progressed as rapidly as anticipated.
- Provision for those necessary works was made in the main church budget for 2013 which was formally adopted by the meeting. Thanks to our reserves, we were able to absorb the projected in-year deficit of some £22,000. For the longer term, however, Christ Church needed to build up its financial base through individuals' not only reviewing their giving but also making provision to remember the parish in their wills.
- The Vicar had delivered her "review of the year" as her sermon at Parish Communion, and printed copies are available for reference. In the three-year plan to renew the parish that had begun with the 2012 (and continuing) *Call to Prayer*, the focus in 2013 was on the *Call to Discipleship* which would lead to the *Call to Mission* in 2014. This programme neatly meshed in with the Diocese's recently-launched Common Purpose programme. There had been many good things to celebrate, but also one tragic loss – although, even in that, it had been good to see the strong mutual support within the church family. With renewed thanks to all those whose hard work made Christ Church such a vibrant parish, she looked to the year ahead with confidence.
- Christ Church on the Wells was also able to look back on an encouraging year. Particular high spots had been: the Holiday Club (although new leaders are urgently needed if this important outreach activity is to be held again this summer) and the Palm Sunday procession from Christ Church to Christ Church on the Wells.

The following elections and appointments were made at the meeting.

- **Churchwardens:** Robert Burns and Martin Shipton.
- **Assistant Churchwarden:** Carol Jamieson.
- **Lay representatives on the PCC:** Gill Glasspool, Lucy Healy, Sue Matthews and Roger Morgan.
- **Independent Examiner of the 2013 Accounts:** Harry Wilkinson.
- **Parish Safeguarding Officer:** Jackie Brazier.
- **Sidespeople:** Jenny Breese (Senior) – plus David Blacoe; Graham Blunden; Marilyn Brown; Margaret Carter; Malcolm Channing; Alan Frame; Sheila Frame; Margaret Johnson; 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 Vicar's 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 leadership of the parish over the year.

Roger Morgan, PCC Secretary