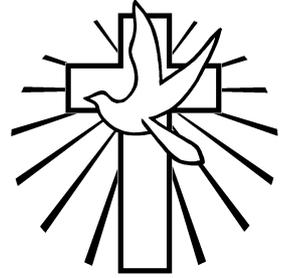


CHRIST CHURCH EPSOM COMMON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Registered Charity No. 1127945

Main points of the PCC meeting held on
Monday 12 January 2015



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

Andrew McAllister: After some years of incapacity, Andrew had died the previous morning. We remembered him with affection and gratitude for his various quiet but effective contributions to the life and fellowship of Christ Church.

Urgent vacancies: We continue to seek people to help with the Sunday morning Children's Groups and someone to take on the role of Christian Aid Week co-ordinator for the parish. Please say if you think you could help.

Finance: As mentioned in previous reports, we have been concerned that, notwithstanding the responses to the "Stewardship Day" on Sunday 5 October, our finances are not yet re-established on a sound basis. As we are having difficulty in boosting our income, we need to contain our expenditure. Much of that, however, is either fixed or – if we are to maintain our current activity on and around our site – effectively so. While we felt able to release the second half of 2014's payments to "championed" missions, we regretfully concluded that we needed to reduce the provision to be made in the budget for 2015 – from 2014's £14,500 to £10,000. That is still nearly 10% of our voluntary income, and about the average across the Guildford Diocese.

"Living Well": Parts of our vision for 2020 of Christ Church as a "Living Well" for people who "live well" are already coming on stream, such as the revamped website (still at www.christchurchepsom.org.uk) and more material celebrating our achievements and publicising them more widely – for example in the newsletter that went round with our Christmas card. We continue to work on the plans for the longer-term elements.

Christmas: We looked back over the Christmas services – including those for nearby schools – and felt these had gone well. There was particular appreciation for the Carol Service, made more atmospheric thanks to the use of the screen. The Christmas appeal yielded £775 for Leatherhead's *Pitstop*.

Annual Church Meeting, 19 April: We agreed outline plans for a revamped and more participative Annual Church Meeting, integrating it more closely with Parish Communion and concluding by noon – an hour earlier than previous years' meetings, allowing then some social time over pre-lunch nibbles and refreshments.

Next meeting: Our next meeting – the last before the Annual Church Meeting – will be held on Monday 9 March at 8pm in the Hall.

Roger Morgan
PCC Secretary