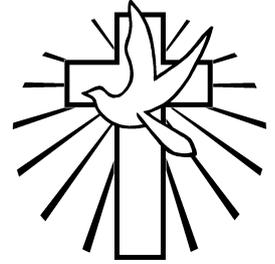


# CHRIST CHURCH EPSOM COMMON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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## Main points of the PCC meeting held on Monday 9 March 2015

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

**Nursery provision in the Hall?:** After many years operation, Little Hands nursery has been given notice to leave the Scout HQ at the end of the current school year. We discussed the owner's request for the nursery to move to the Hall at some length. Housing such provision would sit squarely with our aim of serving the surrounding community (and the rental income would be a useful addition to our funds), so we agreed that we should give the proposal serious consideration. That is far from saying that agreement is then a formality. There are a host of practical matters to consider such as: displacement of many current Christ Church and other users (perhaps mitigated by creative use of the church); storage requirements; other practicalities arising from OFSTED and safeguarding requirements; and greater wear and tear giving rise to increased cleaning and maintenance needs. We made arrangements to explore all these further so that a properly informed decision can be made.

**Annual Church Meeting:** This year's meeting – *now to be on Sunday 26 April* (rather than the 19<sup>th</sup>) – will be integrated with Parish Communion, for which Christ Church on the Wells will join the main church. It will conclude by not later than 12 noon when all will adjourn to the Hall for wine and pre-lunch nibbles. We agreed the agenda and other papers for the Meeting, copies of which – together with nomination forms for the various vacancies – will be available at both Christ Church and Christ Church on the Wells from 22 March.

**Finance:** Among other things, those papers include the 2014 accounts and the 2015 budget. Rather unexpectedly, the Accounts show the net worth of Christ Church increasing over the year by some £6,000 against an initially budgeted decrease of £7,800. This was thanks to better than expected income (although not in pledged giving) but also significant savings on the expenditure side. Some of those savings were "real" although the majority were the result of delays in some planned maintenance work. We are expecting that work to be undertaken in 2015, when our proposed prudent budget provides for a decline in Christ Church's net worth of £32,400. A significant part of this will come from the Property Reserve specifically set aside for this purpose. However, these continuing deficits bring us within sight of difficult decisions as we near the minimum operating balance we need to hold: we shall need either to increase our income or face a significant decrease in our activities.

**NADFAS:** We were pleased to hear that, after some years in the doldrums, the new and enthusiastic team from the Epsom Branch of NADFAS is about to conclude the "recording" of all the artefacts and interior architectural and decorative elements in our beautiful building that was begun some 20 years ago. The outcome will be a valuable resource for us and others.

**Next Meetings:** The first very brief meeting of the PCC as reconstituted by the 26 April Annual Church Meeting will be held immediately after that for various 2015-16 "housekeeping" matters. The first substantive meeting of the new PCC year is pencilled in for Monday 15 June at 8pm in the Hall.

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