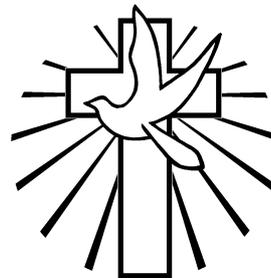


# CHRIST CHURCH EPSOM COMMON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Registered Charity No. 1127945



Main points of the PCC meeting held on  
Monday 9 November 2015

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

**Finance:** The main item of business was a first discussion of the budget for 2016. Figures for the first 9 months of 2015 indicate that Christ Church is about on track for the substantial in-year deficit for which we had budgeted – in large measure to cover substantial and long-planned maintenance work. Recent years' deficits have significantly run down our reserves, and we accepted the Finance Group's advice that the time has now come to aim for at least a balanced budget. Over half our expenditure goes on the "Parish Share" paid to the Diocese over which we have no control and, unless we were to cripple our core activities, much of the other is effectively essential. That has meant being tough on some remaining areas, in particular the quantum allocated to supporting Missions where we have stuck with 2015's reduced total of £10,000. We are hoping that increased income resulting from the 4 October Stewardship Day may, in the event, enable us to be more generous than this.

**Missions:** Part of 2015's planned deficit was the second half-year payments to our "championed" missions and we agreed that these could now be made. Planning ahead, we agreed the Mission Group's proposal that the beneficiary of Christ Church's 2016 Lent appeal should be the Leprosy Mission.

**Christ Church on the Wells:** We received our usual half-yearly report from the Wells Committee – to which the PCC delegates the day-to-day running of Christ Church on the Wells. The congregation of this small community church continues in good heart (and financial shape), and is having a particular drive to boost overall numbers. The Wells was glad to host the recent Harvest BBQ, and other special events (the Holiday Club, the twice-yearly visits by the whole Christ Church congregation and Christingle) complement its weekly services.

**Premises:** The Premises Group continues to work hard to keep our properties in reasonable repair. From its routine report, we were glad to note in particular that the new and much more efficient Hall boiler (part-funded by a generous donation from Christ Church on the Wells) was now installed, and that the vandalised "Northey" window was being repaired.

**Keeping the Hall tidy:** To assist all users (and not least those in the lead on Christ Church's own activities) in the essential task of leaving the Hall ready for the next user, there will soon be improved equipment in a reordered cleaning cupboard, and pictures on display to clarify how tables and chairs are to be left after use.

**Email traffic:** All are asked to help reduce the email traffic that threatens to overwhelm the clergy, wardens and others at the centre of Christ Church business. Old-fashioned conversations (either face-to-face or by telephone) can be a much more productive way forward, particularly on open-ended matters.

**Next meeting:** Monday 11 January at 8pm in the Hall.

**Roger Morgan**  
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