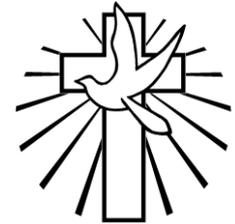


CHRIST CHURCH, EPSOM COMMON

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Main points of the Annual Church Meeting held on Sunday 6 April 2014

The Annual Church Meeting (strictly, the separate Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting) took place at noon on Sunday 6 April. 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 usual annual update the total on the Electoral Roll is now 209 – a net gain of three from the 2013 figure.
- The 2013 accounts were formally approved. Thanks to slightly better than budgeted income and some savings on expenditure these showed a deficit of some £14,800 over the year – significantly less than had been budgeted, notwithstanding spending of nearly £23,000 on much-needed improvements to the Hall and other repairs and maintenance.
- The main church budget for 2014 was formally adopted by the meeting. Thanks to our reserves, we are able to absorb a substantial projected in-year deficit. 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.
- Christ Church on the Wells (now with updated Terms of Reference which fully recognise it as an integral part of the parish but under local management) was pleased to have just celebrated its 25th Anniversary, and looked forward to the Autumn's celebration of the even more significant 20th Anniversary of moving from monthly to weekly services.
- In the Vicar's "review of the year" (copies of which are available either via the website or at both Christ Church and Christ Church on the Wells), she reflected on the recent launch of the *Call to Mission*, the third strand of the three-year plan to renew the parish. Together with the continuing *Call to Prayer* and *Call to Discipleship*, we now had a firm foundation. The challenge for us all was prayerfully to discern how best to build on this over the next period – to develop a shared "20/20 Vision".

The following elections and appointments were made at the meeting.

- **Churchwardens:** Robert Burns and Carol Jamieson.
- **Lay representative on the Deanery Synod:** Leslie Jamieson (plus two vacancies)
- **Lay representatives on the PCC:** Denise Chamberlain, June Skinner, Ro Stretton and John Tregoning. (These join the eight members continuing their rolling 3-years terms.)
- **Independent Examiner of the 2014 Accounts:** Harry Wilkinson.
- **Parish Safeguarding Officer:** Jackie Brazier.
- **Sidespeople:** Jenny Breese (Senior) – plus Christine Abbott; David Blacoe; Marilyn Brown; Margaret Carter; Malcolm Channing; Alan Frame; Sheila Frame; Margaret Johnson; Mary Jordan-Chambers; Michal Keefe; Peter Grint; Richard Martin (to underpin the Wells AGM's appointment of him as their Senior); Patience Morriss; Gordon Mylchreest; 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. There were particular thanks to Martin Shipton at the end of another five years in the important role of Churchwarden – the third of three such stints totalling 19 years over the last 34! We marked this with a presentation and awarding him the title of "Churchwarden Emeritus". We also thanked the Vicar for her leadership of the parish over the year.

Roger Morgan, PCC Secretary