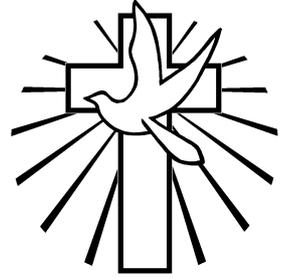


CHRIST CHURCH EPSOM COMMON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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Main points of the PCC meeting held on
Monday 11 January 2016

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

Christ Church on the Wells: In early December – and rather out of the blue – the Borough Council announced that it would be ceasing its operations at the Wells Centre from 1 April and, on a date yet to be settled, redeveloping the site for housing plus some new accommodation for community use. This obviously has major implications for Christ Church on the Wells, which meets in the present Centre. Following prayers requested for the Wells over the 12 days of Christmas and clergy discussions with each member of the Wells congregation, the Wells Committee (to which the PCC delegates the running of Christ Church on the Wells) meets on 21 January to consider the way ahead. We expressed our support for them and the wider Wells community at this challenging time.

Pam Buckingham: We were pleased to note Pam Buckingham's remarkable recovery from her recent stroke, and fully understood her decision that, after 28 years as a Reader (LLM), the time had come for her to stand down from the position. We formally recorded our great appreciation for all that Pam has contributed to the life of Christ Church and Christ Church on the Wells – and to the wider parish – as a Reader and are glad that all will be able to celebrate this at the Candlemas Parish Communion on 31 January and over refreshments in the Hall immediately afterwards.

Christmas: We briefly reflected on provision made over the Christmas period – based on the theme of "Hear the Angels Sing" and agreed that things had generally gone very well. We were pleased to note that the Christmas appeal in aid of the Church Housing Trust had raised a record £1,230 (plus some Gift Aid). We noted some timing and logistical lessons to take into account for the future – not least planning for the increased number of School Christmas services, and earlier recruiting of volunteer stewards for this important annual outreach.

"Living well": The main item of business was a wide-ranging discussion on delivering the 2020 vision of "Christ Church as a Living Well, and living well" as launched at the 2015 Annual Church Meeting. We were greatly helped in this by the Vicar's reflections over the course of her recent sabbatical. The next step will be to explore some outline proposals at this year's Annual Meeting, in the light of which the PCC will hold a mid-year Away Day to firm up plans for the way forward.

Next meeting: Monday 14 March at 8pm in the Hall – at which the main business will be to prepare for the 2016 Annual Church Meeting on Sunday 24 April (which, as for 2015, will be integrated with Parish Communion).

Roger Morgan
PCC Secretary