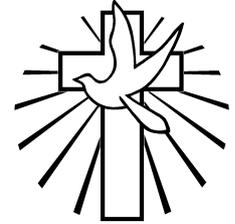


CHRIST CHURCH, EPSOM COMMON

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Main points of the Annual Church Meeting held on Sunday 24 April 2016

The Annual Church Meeting (strictly, the separate Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting) was held on Sunday 24 April – as for 2015, integrated with Parish Communion. 94 adults attended to review the past year and plan for the one ahead.

Fuller details are in the draft minutes. However, key points from the various reports (most of which were published in advance of the meeting) are as below.

- In her “review of the year”, the Vicar looked back on various events and activities that had been not only productive in their own right but also helped progress towards the 2020 Vision of Christ Church being a Living Well for the community, with the people of Christ Church “living well”. In small groups, the meeting made suggestions of things to help people live well with God, with others and with ourselves. These would be processed by the PCC at its 7 May Away Day, with the aim of launching a resource booklet in the Autumn. Looking further ahead to 2020, the PCC would be considering whether physical changes were needed to improve the utility of our premises.
- The 2015 accounts were formally approved. The main church’s in-year deficit of about £6,000 was only about a fifth of the earlier budget. This was not because of underspending (particularly on planned large maintenance projects such as redecorating the church) but came from income being some £13,000 better than budget plus some £9,000 from unbudgeted one-off donations. Even so, Christ Church’s net worth has decreased again.
- The budget for 2016 was formally adopted by the meeting. After the run of deficit budgets over recent years, this aims at about break-even which may require a little belt-tightening. If parish activity is to be developed in the years to come, Christ Church needs to build up its financial base through individuals not only reviewing their giving but also making provision to remember the parish in their wills. To the extent that fulfilling the 2020 Vision required physical changes to the premises, there will be the need for specific fund-raising in a year or so’s time.

The following elections and appointments were made at the meeting.

- **Churchwardens:** Robert Burns and Carol Jamieson.
- **Lay representatives on the Deanery Synod:** Deborah Warburton and Alistair Wells (filling the two vacancies alongside the continuing Leslie Jamieson).
- **Lay representatives on the PCC:** Greg Edwards, Gill Glasspool, Lucy Healy and Roger Morgan. (These join seven members continuing their rolling 3-years terms.)
- **Independent Examiner of the 2016 Accounts:** Harry Wilkinson.
- **Parish Safeguarding Officer:** Jackie Brazier.
- **Sidespeople:** Jenny Breese, David Blacoe and Richard Martin as Seniors – plus Christine Abbott; Marilyn Brown; Margaret Carter; Christine Channing; Malcolm Channing; Lyndsey Collard; Alan Frame; Sheila Frame; Mary Jordan-Chambers; Michal Keefe; Daniel Korboe; Gordon Mylchreest; Patience Morriss; Alison North; Daniel Parker; Jose Taylor; Pamela Vonberg; Jessica Walls; John Warburton; and Jane Ward.

The meeting thanked not only the Vicar and Ministry Team for their inspiration and leadership over the year but also all those whose faithful service of many different kinds – and often behind the scenes – keeps Christ Church going in good shape and augurs well for the year ahead.

Roger Morgan
PCC Secretary