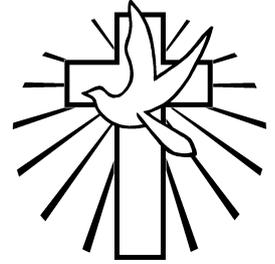


# CHRIST CHURCH EPSOM COMMON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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## Main points of the PCC meeting held on Monday 14 March 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:** With regret and sympathy for the Wells congregation at the difficult position forced on them by the Borough Council's ceasing operations at the Wells Centre with plans for the site's redevelopment, we formally noted the Wells Committee's 21 January decision to suspend weekly services at the Wells from Easter. As a consequence, the terms of reference under which the Wells Committee operates will, also from Easter, be suspended and the balance of its bank account transferred to the Wells Fund within the Christ Church accounts. That Fund will be at the disposal of a new Wells Group the Vicar will be convening to monitor things on the Wells, to oversee the planned continuing activities there (the weekly Home Group, monthly Prayer Group and annual Holiday Club) and to develop new initiatives for the Wells Estate.

**Annual Church Meeting:** This year's Annual Meeting on Sunday 24 April will, as for 2015, be integrated with Parish Communion – but with some changes in the light of last year's experience. 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 from Palm Sunday 20 March.

**Finance:** Among other things, those papers include the final 2015 accounts and we were pleased to note that these showed a much smaller deficit (about £6,000) than the originally budgeted £32,420. This was not the result of underspending (particularly on the large planned 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 and we shall be proposing to the Annual meeting a tight budget for 2016 aiming at about break even.

**Legacy:** We were touched to learn that the late Beatrice Worthing made generous provision (perhaps into six figures) for Christ Church in her Will. However, some complications of her estate mean that payment is unlikely before 2017.

**Missions:** The three-year term for the current list of "championed" missions expires at the end of the year, and we agreed arrangements to agree a new list for 2017-20 in the light of applications to be sought before long from existing champions and any new applicants.

**2020 Vision:** We noted the further work being done by the Clergy team on thinking through the 2020 "Living Well" Vision for Christ Church which will be expanded on in preparation for and at the 24 April Annual Meeting. We shall then do further work on all this at a PCC Away Day on 7 May.

**Next Meetings:** The PCC as reconstituted by the 24 April Annual Meeting will hold its first (very brief) meeting immediately after that for various 2016-17 "housekeeping" matters. After the 7 May Away Day, the first standard meeting of the new PCC year is pencilled in for Monday 20 June at 8pm in the Hall.

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