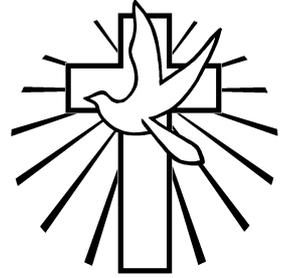


CHRIST CHURCH EPSOM COMMON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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Main points of the PCC meeting held on
Monday 14 November 2016

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

Our 2020 Vision: We took stock of the congregation's useful contributions at 25 September's "Holy Dreams" and of other recent events – including the launch of the Diocese's highly relevant "Transforming Church, transforming lives" initiative – all of which is helping us move forward with refining the vision of Christ Church being a "Living Well" and its people living well. We continue to refer to this as our "2020 Vision", being our target date for having that clear and shared vision firmly in place, recognising that its full implementation may take longer. Look out for more opportunities to contribute to our thinking – not least in the run up to and at the 2017 APCM on Sunday 30 April.

Missions: Every three years, we review the list of ten "championed" charities to which most of our missions giving is directed. The South African Umthombo project has now achieved its aim of securing local state funding and its champions (Elizabeth and Richard Martin) are thus standing down. We were delighted to agree the new application from Jose and Colin Taylor to champion the Spinnaker Trust for its valuable work locally (and throughout the South-East) in supporting Christian teaching and collective worship in primary schools. The other nine charities continue, and we expressed our thanks to all the champions for the work they have done and will do.

Christmas card: For 2016, we are reverting to a properly printed Christmas Card, but now folded so that the usual service details can be accompanied by fuller information about our other activities. Please play your part in its parish-wide delivery – our major outreach of the year.

Finance: We considered the first draft budget for 2017. After the unsustainable deficit budgets of some years before 2016, we are again aiming at a general break-even – with the hope that the balance of the inevitable unexpected items will be on the plus side. However, with deep thanks to those whose planned giving has helped put our finances on a sounder footing, we are able to relax some of the tightness of the 2016 budget. In particular, we are glad to be able to plan for increasing the total allocated to our missions giving to £12,000, which is about 10% of our budgeted income.

Premises: We received a report on the careful work of the Premises Group in keeping our premises in good repair – sharing their disappointment that the congregations' support for the Autumn "Tidy Up" of Church and grounds on 29 October was less than expected.

Next meeting: Our next meeting will be on Monday 9 January at 8pm in the Hall.

Roger Morgan
PCC Secretary