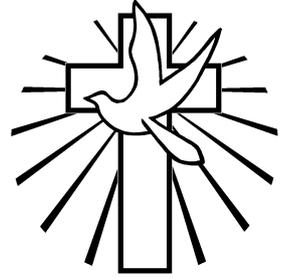


CHRIST CHURCH EPSOM COMMON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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Main points of the PCC meeting held on
Monday 9 January 2017

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

Christmas: We looked back on what all agreed had been a rather special Christmas season, given a particular coherence by the splendid "Stations of the Nativity" artwork. Services had been well attended – in part, thanks to the well-received Christmas card which many had helped deliver round the growing parish. Particular highlights were felt to be the "Messy Christingle" and Crib Services. In addition, we had been pleased to host well-attended Christmas services for the nearby schools.

Our 2020 Vision: We continue to work on the many ideas generated over recent months with the aim of formulating a clear path forward on realising our 2020 "Living Well" Vision. Part of this involves coordinating and refining the ideas themselves. To this end, we are engaging the help of the Revd Steve Cox, the Diocese's Local Missions Advisor who will be preaching at Christ Church on 5 February and leading our "Away Morning" meeting on Saturday 4 March. To assist in all this, please complete the short questionnaire that will be circulated round the congregation during February. On another strand, we hope soon to receive help from the Diocesan Advisory Committee in clarifying options for the various suggested physical changes to our premises.

Lent Appeal: We endorsed the Mission Group's proposal that the beneficiary of our 2017 Lent Appeal (but extended to the 30 April APCM) would be the local "*Love me, Love my mind*" mental health charity – a representative of which we hope will be available to preach at Christ Church on 23 April.

Legacies: We have known for some time that the late Beatrice Worthing left Christ Church a generous legacy, and are most grateful recently to have received the major instalment of £100,000. This has been banked in an interest-bearing account, separate from the General Fund, while we consider the best way of using it. In the light of a national Anglican initiative, we also spent some time thinking about developing a properly structured way of encouraging members of the congregation to follow through their generous regular giving by also making some provision for Christ Church in their wills.

Growing Leaders: We endorsed the Deanery's plans to mount a "Growing Leaders" course from September, and hope to find within Christ Church three or four candidates for this mutually valuable training which will use the well-regarded national Anglican model.

Next meetings: After an "Away Morning" on Saturday 4 March to work further on the 2020 Vision, our last meeting before the Annual Church Meeting on Sunday 30 April will be on Monday 13 March at 8pm in the Hall.

Roger Morgan
PCC Secretary