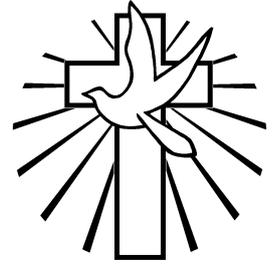


CHRIST CHURCH EPSOM COMMON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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Main points of the PCC meeting held on Monday 13 March 2017

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

Curate: With thanks for his service here, we congratulated the Revd Julian McAllen on his appointment as Associate Minister in the Parish of Finchampstead and California, near Reading – and wished him well for his post-Easter move. It will be at least a year before Christ Church is allocated another Curate, and arrangements are in hand to let out 278 The Greenway.

Annual Church Meeting: As for the last couple of years, the Annual Meeting – to be held on Sunday 30 April – will be integrated with Parish Communion. 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 in the Church from the beginning of April.

Legacies: We were touched to have received a £40,000 legacy from the late Mary Craddock-Jones, whom we remembered with affection. This has been lodged in our reserves while we consider its appropriate use. We also agreed a new Legacy Policy.

Finance: Voluntary income excluding legacies in 2016 exceeded the budget by £24,536. This is an encouraging indicator that after many years of running a deficit between our running costs and voluntary income, we may be able to avoid using our reserves and legacy income to fund the day to day activities of the church. However, with ambitious plans for growth on the horizon, further growth in our voluntary giving will need to remain in focus if we are to be able to fund this future growth. The accounts will be submitted to the Annual Church Meeting for formal approval, together with the budget for 2017.

2020 Vision: We took stock of the work done with the Diocesan Local Missions Advisor at our Away Morning on 4th March, and the informal meeting with members of the Diocesan Advisory Council in January. This will feed through into material for discussion at the Annual Meeting and subsequently.

Inclusiveness: We considered the Inclusive Church statement of belief, and also the use of inclusive language in Worship, noting the need for sensitivity.

Quiet please: Noting the degree of background chatter at times during Services, we reaffirmed the need to be quiet, especially at the beginning of Services (and thus the need to arrive in time to settle and prepare) and during the Eucharist.

Next Meetings: The first very brief meeting of the PCC as reconstituted by the 30th April Annual Meeting will be held immediately after that for various 2017- 18 "housekeeping" matters. The first standard meeting of the new PCC year is pencilled in for Monday 12th June at 8.00 pm in the Parish Hall.

Robert Burns, Churchwarden
(The PCC Secretary was away)