

# CHRIST CHURCH EPSOM COMMON

Registered Charity No. 1127945

## Main points of the Annual Church Meeting held on Passion Sunday 10 April 2011



The Annual Church Meeting (strictly, the separate but end-on Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting) took place at noon on Sunday 10 April. 57 people attended, and helped to review the past year and plan for the one ahead. The Meeting was chaired by the Rural Dean, the Revd Stuart Thomas, as Priest in Charge during the Vacancy.

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

- The number on the Electoral Roll is now 240 – a net loss of 17 from the 2010 total, made up of 33 losses (including the deaths of John Elliott, Joy Gold, Jim Hewitt, Peter Lane and David Rolfe, all of whom we remembered with affection) and 16 welcome additions.
- The 2010 accounts (covering both Christ Church and Christ Church on the Wells) were formally approved. Overall expenditure was slightly down from 2009 but, thanks to a very generous bequest, income was significantly higher. This led to an in-year surplus of £98,000, leaving the headline finances as healthy as they had ever been.
- The PCC was keen that these new reserves should not simply subsidise usual running costs (which, over time, inevitably had to be supported by regular income alone) but, in consultation with our new Vicar, be used more constructively. The main church budget for 2011 had, although tightly drawn, indicated an in-year deficit of just over £6,000 so, with thanks to the respondents, it was good to note that the near-final results of the recent Annual Financial Review should yield another £4,000 income in 2011 and £5,400 in a full year.
- The review of the year was delivered by Hazel Rose. After what had been a difficult time for the parish, it had been good to see everyone working so well together on the appointment of a new Vicar. On other fronts, parish life had been well maintained during the year of Vacancy. The enormous range of provision was set out in the valuable new report on "Fellowship and Other Activities". The parish owed a debt of thanks to all those involved in this but should not be complacent: there were almost no areas of parish life where a little additional help would not be most welcome. We all now looked forward to the Revd Rosemary Donovan's arrival in early June. Things would then be different but, with the loyal support and involvement that marked us out at our best, her leadership would take the parish to a new and exciting phase in its life.
- Christ Church on the Wells was also able to look back on some highlights in its year. With healthy numbers and a good range of worship and other activities, the congregation felt well placed to take advantage of our new Vicar's leadership.

The following elections and appointments were made at the meeting.

- **Churchwardens:** Hazel Rose and Martin Shipton.
- **Christ Church representatives on the Deanery Synod:** Berwick Curtis and Leslie Jamieson
- **Lay representatives on the PCC:** Denise Chamberlain; Mike Reeves; and June Skinner.
- **Independent Examiner of the 2011 Accounts:** Harry Wilkinson.
- **Parish Child Protection Officer:** Sheila Frame.
- **Sidespeople:** Jenny Breese (Senior) – plus Marion Bathgate; David Blacoe; Graham Blunden; Robert Burns; Marilyn Brown; Mary Carter; Malcolm Channing; Alan Frame; Sheila Frame; Mary Jordan-Chambers; Michal Keefe; Peter Grint; Patience Morriss; Maureen Roberts; Pamela Vonberg; Simon Wade; Vivienne Wade; Jessica Walls; and Jane Ward.

Finally, the meeting warmly endorsed the vote of thanks to all those (with a particular word for the Revd Sue Curtis; our LLM, Pam Buckingham and trainee LLM, Berwick Curtis; and Churchwardens Hazel Rose and Martin Shipton) whose faithful service of many different kinds – and often behind the scenes – had kept Christ Church going in good shape over the last year and augured well for the year ahead. We also thanked Revd Stuart Thomas for his valuable support of the parish as its Priest in Charge.

**Roger Morgan, PCC Secretary**