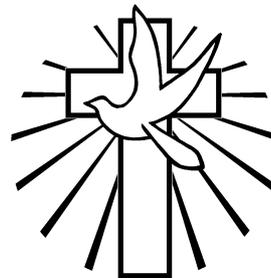


CHRIST CHURCH EPSOM COMMON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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Main points of the PCC meeting held on
Monday 12 September 2016

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

A busy summer: We looked back on a busy and fruitful summer – among other things: the “Treasures of Christ Church”; the “Living Faith” sermon series; the BBQ and Holiday Club at the Wells; and the “Holiday at Home” – and thanked all those whose hard work had made these so successful.

Looking ahead: A number of those activities have directly contributed to work on our 2020 vision of Christ Church being a “Living Well” and its people living well. Further impetus in all this will come from a series of events in September and October – in particular, “Holy Dreams” (to help us all focus on plans for the future) on Sunday 25 September and “Holy Habits” on Sunday 23 October (to help us all focus on discipleship and our individual “Rule for Life”). We did further work on the key material for both of these events.

Missions: We agreed that the beneficiary of the usual Christmas Appeal should be the Salvation Army for its practical work with the homeless. We also noted the work being done to prepare for “refreshing” our championed missions. We shall be settling the list for the next triennium at our November meeting.

Christmas card: There were some problems last year both the in-house production of the “Christmas Chronicle” and its parish-wide delivery. Accordingly, we decided to revert 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. Nearer the time, we shall again be looking for volunteers to help deliver this to every home in the parish – our major outreach of the year.

Finance: In a brief update on things to the middle of the year, we heard the welcome news that income was running a little higher than budget, while expenditure was currently about on target. Expenditure tends to be a little higher in the second half of the year (and we know there are some maintenance outgoings in prospect), but it looks as if we are about on track to achieve the balanced budget set for 2016. The issues will be explained further at “Holy Pockets” on Sunday 9 October to help us focus on stewardship.

Premises: We received a report on the careful work of the Premises Group in keeping our premises in good repair. We hope for good support from the congregations for the Autumn “Tidy Up” of Church and grounds planned for Saturday 29 October.

Next meetings: We shall hold a brief meeting at 11.30 on Sunday 2 October to finalise preparations for “Holy Habits” on 23 October. Our next normal meeting will be on Monday 14 November at 8pm in the Hall.

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