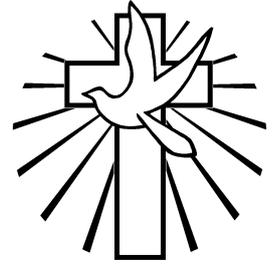


# CHRIST CHURCH EPSOM COMMON

## Main points of the ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING held on Sunday 30 April 2017



As for the last couple of years, our Annual Church Meeting (strictly, the end-on Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting) was integrated with Parish Communion. 87 adults attended to review the past year and think about the one ahead.

Key points from the various reports (most of which were published in advance of the meeting) are as below.

- Following 10 welcome gains but 11 losses (one of which was the death of centenarian Bunty Chapman), the new Electoral Roll total is 181.
- In her “review of the year”, the Vicar looked back on various events and activities that had been not only productive in their own right but also helped progress towards the 2020 Vision of Christ Church being a Living Well with the people of Christ Church “living well”. A vital first step had been the preparation and issue of the “Rule for Life” booklet. Subsequent stages, involving physical changes, were beginning to crystallise and the Project Group hoped before long to have a phased approach outlined in sufficient detail for discussion within the PCC and more widely. That would be alongside consideration of engaging a Youth Worker – all of which had significant financial implications.
- The 2016 accounts were formally approved. Thanks to unbudgeted one-off gifts and some very substantial legacy income, and spending under budget on premises, the in-year surplus of over £138,000 was in pleasantly stark contrast to the run of deficits over recent years. The legacies are being held in a new Vision 2020 Fund to help ensure their use for appropriate one-off purposes.
- The effectively break-even budget for 2017 was formally adopted by the meeting. As usual, this did not anticipate legacies or one-off gifts – and we have already been delighted to receive a £40,000 legacy from Mary Cradock-Jones but, again, that would not be for routine use. The fact remained that, while there had been a welcome recent increase in planned giving (our only guaranteed income), it still fell short of covering our basic day-to-day outgoings. And data just received from the Diocese showed – somewhat surprisingly – that giving per giver per week at Christ Church was about £5 below the Diocesan average. There are issues here to be addressed with some urgency as we look to the financial implications of our 2020 Vision.

Elections and appointments made at the meeting included:

- **Churchwardens:** Robert Burns and Carol Jamieson.
- **Lay representatives on the Deanery Synod:** Merinda D’Aprano; Deborah Warburton & Alistair Wells.
- **Lay representatives on the PCC:** Denise Chamberlain; Leslie Jamieson, Gordon Mylchreest; and June Skinner – who join eight members continuing their rolling 3-year terms.
- **Parish Safeguarding Officer:** Ro Stretton

The meeting thanked the Vicar and Ministry team for their inspiration and leadership over the year. And there were heartfelt thanks to the many others whose faithful service of many different kinds – and often behind the scenes – keeps Christ Church going in good shape.

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