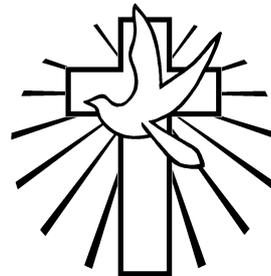


CHRIST CHURCH EPSOM COMMON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Registered Charity No. 1127945



Main points of the PCC meeting held on
Monday 11 September 2017

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

An inclusive welcome: Having decided, in the light of the 14 May *Talkabout*, that Christ Church should not formally register with *Inclusive Church*, we agreed a strengthened Christ Church "welcome" (to clarify that we did not exclude anybody) for the notice boards and website.

Looking ahead: Much of our meeting was devoted to planning next steps in developing and implementing our 2020 Vision of Christ Church being a "Living Well" and its people living well. We shall be sharing our thinking with the congregations on Vision Sunday 24 September. All this is supported by the "Holy Habits" launched last autumn, and we shall be renewing this important initiative for the next year on Sunday 22 October

Finance: If we are to maintain our work and witness – let alone develop them to generate the growth we aim for – we need a sound financial base. We shall be sharing our needs with the congregations and the case for a boost in the overall level of pledged giving on Stewardship Sunday 8 October.

Worship: We commissioned the Worship Team to conduct a review of the whole of Christ Church's worship provision with a view to best meeting not only the needs of all the present congregations but also those (who may have little or no church background) Christ Church needs to draw in if it is to grow.

Music: We agreed to renew Julie Shaw's appointment as part-time Director of Music for another period. However, as Andrew Smith (our organist and music group leader) is moving to Dublin before too long, we also agreed to begin actively recruiting for a full-time Organist/Director of Music (either one or two people) in the new year.

Christmas Appeal: We agreed that the beneficiary of the usual Christmas Appeal should be The Besom, Ashted & Leatherhead Group for its practical work with the homeless.

Christmas card: Plans are well-advanced for the 2017 Christmas card to publicise our particular activities of the season. 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 – and a little earlier than usual in view of the Launch of Christmas tree festival with an Advent Concert on Saturday 2 December.

Next meetings: We aim to hold short single-subject meetings after Parish Communion on Sundays 29 October and 5 November to develop our thinking about, respectively, the proposed Youth & Families Worker and some premises aspects of the 2020 Vision. Our next standard meeting will be on Monday 13 November at 8pm.

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PCC Secretary