

1. The Parochial Church Council operates with membership from myself as church warden, Diana Staszewski and Diana Murray. Richard Virden is treasurer and Susan Ramsaran chairs the PCC meetings. Often, we meet with Bellingham PCC who offer moral support and share some of our workload which is greatly appreciated.
2. The electoral roll numbers only about 8, I think; significantly down on a few years ago.
3. We have 2 Sunday services a month, on the second Sunday (Holy Communion) and the fourth Sunday (Parish Worship). This is a significant recent change from 18 months ago, when we still had a service every Sunday. The clergy became too thinly spread and so we reduced the number of services and adopted the new Parish Worship service once a month, which is led by a member of the community rather than a member of the clergy.
4. Both All Saints and St Cuthberts churches continue to be in regular use for christenings, marriages and funerals. These are the moments that the community demonstrates its support for the church, when attendance can be very high.
5. With generally low levels of attendance and support, church finances are under pressure but we are still here! For routine revenue expenditure we require approx. £10,000 per annum. A little more than half of this is raised by regular giving from within the community; the rest is from fund-raising events. However, our Parish Share (the money which goes to Church House to pay our share of the clergy) is another £10,000 per annum and we paid only £3,000 towards this last year; we are on track to do the same, perhaps a little more, this year. So in reality, we are short of £6-7,000 every year and that is without extraordinary items of expenditure such as major repairs.
6. The fabric of the churches is in reasonable order. The roof of All Saints was, of course, renewed 3 years ago, and the windows of St Cuthberts overhauled 4 years ago, both with community support and substantial