

North Tyne and Redesdale Churches



**Bellingham Benefice Profile
Bellingham Deanery
Diocese of Newcastle**

Introduction from the Diocese of Newcastle

Framed by the Rivers Tyne and Tweed the Diocese of Newcastle is the Church of England's most northerly diocese. In this 'land of the Northern Saints' we are committed to flourishing churches and communities and our vision for **growing church bringing hope**. Like those who came before us, we seek to bring the fire of the gospel to our communities with gentleness, creativity and faith.

We are at a significant moment of change across the diocese. We may face many challenges, but we do so with faith in God who loves this place and who has given us all we need for the work we have to do. Drawing on Isaiah 43.19, Bishop Christine has spoken of God doing a new thing amongst us and, over the past year, we have been praying, discussing and refining how we will work over the coming years to enable our three priorities:

- **Bringing Good News:** *'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.'* (Luke 4.18)
- **Growing in Christ:** *'As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith...'* (Colossians 2.6-7)
- **Living Faith Fully:** *'I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'* (John 10.10)

To better serve these priorities, we are building closer partnerships between our church communities, sharing the gifts that God has given us and focussing on enabling the ministry of all God's people. Whilst cherishing what we have, we are encouraging churches to step out and try new ways of mission and ministry.

To help lead this work, we are looking for generous-hearted, faith-filled clergy who will be excited by these priorities, who will be willing to try new things, share ministry with others, and who will love and cherish our people and communities. We are seeking those who, 'Guided by the Spirit, [will] discern and foster the gifts of all God's people, that the whole Church may be built up in unity and faith.' (Common Worship, Ordination of Priests). If this is the sort of ministry which draws you, we hope that you will join us in seeking the new thing that God is doing here.

Revd Canon Rob Saner-Haigh
Director of Mission and Ministry
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Bellingham Deanery



1. St George, Wall
2. St Oswald, Heavenfield
3. St Giles, Chollerton
4. St Mary, Bingfield
5. St Aidan, Thockrington
6. All Saints, West Woodburn
7. St Cuthbert, Corsenside
8. St John, Otterburn
9. St Cuthbert, Elsdon
10. Holy Trinity, Horsley (Rochester)
11. St Francis, Byrness
12. *Barrasford Methodist Chapel*
13. St Christopher, Gunnerton
14. St Giles, Birtley
15. St Peter, Humshaugh
16. St Mungo, Simonburn
17. St Michael, Wark
18. St Cuthbert, Bellingham
19. St Aidan, Thorneyburn
20. St Peter, Falstone

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Your Challenge!

Sometimes God's gifts come in disguise! The Deanery of Bellingham has been through some huge challenges in the past couple of years. We've been forced out of old familiar patterns and into new ways of working together. Yet to our delight we've also discovered unexpected riches and a growing awareness of God's hand in all that we've experienced and we're really excited at the possibilities opening up before us.

We're looking for a new clergy colleague to join our Deanery at this Kairos moment as we discover new ways of collaborating in God's mission. Above all we're looking for someone who is as committed as we are to loving God and serving our neighbour and in deepening our community engagement in this spectacular part of rural Northumberland. We are now working collaboratively across parish and geographic boundaries and we're sharing our resources more generously. Even Covid has been an unexpected source of God's grace and mercy. New relationships have been formed and deepened and have enriched our faith. We're training new teams of lay worship leaders and pastoral visitors; we're sharing technical expertise to find new ways of connecting even the most isolated parts of our deanery; we're finding new ways to deepen our discipleship and prayer life; we're working more closely with our local schools; we're exploring new ways to connect with our local communities and tourists through pilgrimage routes and other activities. We know that we are stronger together and we are determined to stay that way.

We still face many challenges – some of our congregations and communities are very small, some struggle to pay the parish share, our congregations are ageing; our deanery covers a huge area and local services are limited. A small number of people are carrying some very heavy burdens to keep the Christian presence visible in our communities. And yet our Diocese is keen to support us and is working closely with us to help us fulfil our vision, and we certainly haven't lost heart!

Are you ready for a new challenge in your ministry? Would you love to work with us as we build on all that is taking place?

Are you someone who can:

- Be passionate about rural life and ministry?
- Work collaboratively across the deanery to develop and deliver our deanery plan?
- Be cross-licenced to both benefices with primary pastoral care for the northern benefice?
- Work to encourage more generous and sustainable giving in all the parishes of the Deanery?
- Support and encourage people to grow in confidence and engage in ministry and service?
- Take the lead across the deanery in developing pilgrimage and tourism?

What we are looking for in our new priest

We asked our church community across all parishes to describe the ideal qualities of their new vicar. There wasn't room to include them all so here is a sample:

- Work collaboratively across the Deanery and also encourage closer worship and working relationships between the churches of the two valleys
- Be down to earth, empathetic, act with humility and be prepared to connect with all ages and stages of life in the area
- Have understanding and commitment to the deeply rural context of the benefice, its needs and traditions.
- Be pragmatic and flexible, unafraid of new ideas or of trialling new ways of worshipping and working together
- Be supportive in helping the church communities to fulfill their full potential and by their example lead others to Christ

"The new Rector needs to be kind, respectful, fun and arty"

"Interested in eco-friendly initiatives, carbon neutral church"

"Relaxed and approachable"

"Encouraging, enterprising, evangelising, enabling, and encompassing"



North Tyne and Redesdale Benefice

The area covered by the benefice is unusual in terms of size – approximately 400 square miles. It includes the Otterburn Camp, the second largest area of military land in England. The Kielder forest and reservoir are the biggest in northern Europe. Farming, forestry and water are key elements contributing to its special character and together with tourism are the main employers. The northern boundary of the benefice is with Scotland and its most northerly church, Byrness, is only five miles south of Carter Bar. The six parishes and nine churches in the benefice are situated in the valleys of the North Tyne and Rede rivers.

North Tyne and Redesdale Churches

Despite our churches' distance from each other, we meet together regularly. All the churches in the benefice have representation on a group council who get together to discuss and plan shared events and worship. The group also coordinates the printing and distribution of *The Meeting of the Waters* – the monthly magazine for North Tyne and Redesdale churches.

Rural Churches for Everyone

Rural Churches for Everyone is a National Heritage Lottery Funded project supporting four clusters of historic Northumbrian churches to help them secure their sustainable future. The whole emphasis of this project is for us to work together and help each other re-imagine the future of our churches in new and more diverse ways and what positive community assets they may be. All nine

churches in the benefice are in the National Park cluster and we are excitedly looking forward to engaging with this project during 2021-22 and exploring where this might take us.

Lay-led ministry

In 2017 representatives from all nine churches took part in training to lead worship in their own churches and this was followed up by a series of workshops to develop different aspects of these 'Parish Worship' services. Since then several members of our congregations have undertaken an authorised lay ministry course. In addition, many members have now begun a six-week pastoral care course to enhance their ministry. We are also fortunate in having two licenced



PARISHES

- **Bellingham:** St Cuthbert
- **Corsenside:**
All Saints and St Cuthbert
- **Elsdon:** St Cuthbert
- **Falstone and Thorneyburn:**
St Peter and St Aidan
- **Horsley and Byrness:**
Holy Trinity and St Francis
- **Otterburn:**
St John the Evangelist

lay readers in the Deanery who generously assist us and are willing to travel.

Working Together

Our PCCs comprise churchwardens, lay members, officers, Parish Safeguarding Officers, and Deanery Synod and Team Council representatives, although parishes with declining numbers sometimes experience difficulties in filling vacancies. Pragmatic solutions are often necessary. St Peter's and St Aidan's already run a combined PCC, whilst Corsenside PCC (All Saints, Woodburn & Corsenside) hopes to share its burden of running two churches with limited financial and people resources by joining with St Cuthbert's (Bellingham) as a joint PCC. Since both Holy Trinity and St Francis were merged together as one benefice by Order in Council in 1940, they are served by one PCC, with Holy Trinity designated the Parish Church of this united parish.

Joint working groups can be formed as necessary to help progress particular projects, such as the Cuddy's Well project at St Cuthbert's (Bellingham), the pew platform repairs at St Francis or the restoration of the Nelson Organ at Holy Trinity.

Our parishes make every effort to meet their Parish Share in full. However, because of declining congregations in all our churches and the impossibility of holding fund-raising events during this pandemic, this has not always been possible.

Working with Local Schools

There are primary schools at Otterburn, Greenhaugh and Kielder, whilst Bellingham has both a primary and a middle school. Although none of these are Church of England schools, strong links have developed between us over the years, including invitations to our clergy to address school assemblies, participation by schoolchildren in clubs such as The Otters, Messy Church projects and Christingle and Easter festivals.

Working with the Wider Community

Over the years our churches have developed links with the local communities and with local organisations which have helped our interaction in a meaningful way and have also been of great assistance in fund-raising. There are Food Bank collections set up at St Cuthbert's, St Peter's and St John's. The village shows in summer usually have a church representation, and festivals such as Redefest in Redesdale give donations to Holy Trinity. The HLF-funded Revitalising Redesdale organisation, which runs until 2022, has given grants to the Cuddy's Well project and the pew platform project in St Francis. The Ray Wind Farm funders have also been of financial assistance. We hope to continue with such outreach links in the future.

Churches Together

There is strong collaboration between the churches of the various denominations (Methodist and United Reform and Catholic) in the North Tyne and Rede valleys. Joint services and events are organised and shared each year, such as The Women's World Day of Prayer, Christmas Carol Services and Biblical Study Groups. We hope that this collaboration will continue to flourish.

Our hopes for the future

- We pray that our churches will survive the challenges facing small rural parishes and communities.
- We want to welcome people of all ages to our churches and be open to the transformation that it might bring to our worship and membership of our PCCs.
- We would like to develop further the church's journey to being more climate friendly, eco-friendly, sustainable and ecumenical.
- We are already changing and eager to embrace new ideas.
- We are eager to continue the collaboration that has been strengthened during this pandemic which has brought all of our churches closer together across this large Deanery.

Pre-Pandemic Regular Pattern of Worship

St Cuthbert's (Bellingham) held a Parish Communion on three Sundays of each month; a lay-led Parish Worship on the fourth Sunday; a Communion Service on one Saturday evening and a mid-week Communion service each Thursday morning; a Sunday Evensong and weekly morning and evening prayers (BCP) also took place. The other seven churches (All Saints, Holy Trinity, St Aidan's, St Cuthbert's (Elsdon), St Francis, St John's and St Peter's) held one lay-led Parish Worship and one Communion Service per month.

For these services, Common Worship was used by all churches with BCP on some occasions. Congregation members contributed readings, intercessions and responses. Prior to the pandemic, all our churches were open daily for visits and private prayer.

Pandemic Pattern of Worship

Most worship and group gatherings have taken place via Zoom and dial-in. The main Sunday worship is still a Zoom Service, live-streamed at 10.00 am on the first and third Sunday of the month from St Cuthbert's (Bellingham), with contributions of readings, intercessions and responses from members throughout the Deanery. A Deanery Morning Prayer, also via Zoom, takes place on the second and fourth Sunday. There is also an opportunity for fellowship after these services.

As restrictions are lifted, more 'in-person' Sunday Communion Services are taking place in our other churches. In this way, we are working towards establishing a more regular pattern of Communion Services and lay-led Parish Worship again.

Music

Music plays an important part in all our Sunday services. Most churches have organs or electronic keyboards. We are blessed to have an appointed organist for St Cuthbert's (Bellingham) and we have several volunteer organists who regularly play in our other churches for Communion services, carol services, festivals and events. Congregational singing is sometimes accompanied by another musical instrument, such as the guitar.

St Cuthbert, Bellingham



Bellingham

Bellingham is situated on the beautiful North Tyne and is in a traditional hill farming area, the majority of which lies within the Northumberland National Park. The village has a population of around 1300 people and is the natural hub for the area with half a dozen busy shops, two pubs, three cafes and a hotel. It's the place where tourists stop before they head further up the valley for Kielder Water or where walkers take a rest from the Pennine Way. The Bellingham Show is a highlight of the farming year and draws in crowds from far and wide. There are camping and caravan sites and B&Bs – it can be very busy during the summer! There is a Primary and Middle School in the village. Older children travel to school in Haydon Bridge (14 miles) or Hexham (17 miles). There is a highly rated GP surgery serving the whole of the North Tyne and Redesdale area. The village has a

large Town Hall which we use for big events, such as the Christmas Fayre and annual jumble sale.

Worship in St Cuthbert's

The Eucharist has been central to St Cuthbert's life before Covid. Pre-pandemic, Holy Communion was celebrated on three Sundays of the month and a lay led service held on the fourth Sunday. There was a said Communion service every Thursday morning. We have an exceptional organist and music is an important part of our services. There is no regular attendance by younger people, however the local schools hold Harvest and Christmas services in the church. Baptisms and funerals are important life events in the village when the church is usually full to capacity.

During the first lockdown we quickly established a Zoom service broadcast to all North Tyne and Redesdale churches, initially from the Rector's study, but when we returned to St Cuthbert's over the summer we were able to live-stream the service from the church. We are now joining together as a Deanery for services and on alternate weeks there is a Eucharist streamed from St Cuthbert's to the Deanery. Thanks to some generous donors we have been able to buy more sophisticated audio visual equipment and we are learning quickly to produce better quality sound and pictures.



Local schoolchildren sing at the Christmas Tree Festival

Two members of our congregation are undertaking the authorised lay ministry course on leading worship. We have a small group in the congregation who organise lay led worship and lead intercessions. There is a team of sidesmen, those who do reading and, most importantly, those who make coffee and supply biscuits!

Our church

St Cuthbert's is central to the village and is always open during daylight hours, welcoming tourists, pilgrims and locals who visit or drop in to pray. We are blessed with having a church dedicated to St Cuthbert whose simple and straightforward style of worship is embodied in the tranquil atmosphere of our ancient church which has stood on the site for at least a thousand years. The stone slabs of the roof and barrel-vaulted ceiling attest to the determination of past villagers to ensure the church would withstand assaults from border reivers. One member of our congregation has commented that *"it is a place hallowed by prayer for centuries, a place that somehow mediates the presence of God in a special way"*.

The church has undergone substantial refurbishment over the last ten years with repairs to the roof, internal plaster and new lighting.

The church congregation is welcoming to newcomers and though we may be small in number we are prepared to "muck in" with energy. Different people contribute different skills – including cleaning, flower arranging, caring for the structure of the building or raising money.



Strawberry Tea at the Rectory

Other activities

We have Ecumenical Lent Groups, Messy Church, Sunday coffee, Christingle, a popular pub quiz, and concerts in church.

Our hopes for Bellingham

- We hope that the development of ideas around our church heritage, including the Cuddy's Well Project and St Cuthbert's Three Church Trail will benefit the local community and may draw some into a deeper involvement.
- The church itself could be used more fully to witness to those visiting and to encourage people who come in to pray or reflect.
- We hope that a new parish priest will help us to take forward new ideas for Bellingham parish and help us think about local needs and ways in which we could serve the local community.
- We would like to encourage links with the two other churches in the village (MURC and Catholic).

St Cuthbert's PCC

For the past two years Corsenside PCC have joined our meetings and we are going through the official process to form a Joint Church Council.

St Francis, Byrness

Byrness Village.

The village was built in 1953 to house forestry workers. Similar villages were built at Stonehaugh, Harwood and Kielder. There are 53 houses in Byrness. The village was originally planned to be twice the size and self-sufficient, with a shop and other amenities. At this time the houses were occupied almost exclusively by young families with children. Eventually a school was provided and St Francis as a result was well supported by the village and the outlying area. The village was vibrant with many activities centering on the village hall.

In the late eighties and early nineties forestry practices changed and became less labour intensive. The Forestry Commission decided to sell the houses in the village. Many of the existing tenants bought one or more houses, so now several generations of the same family live in the village. The rest of the village is more or less owner-occupied apart from a few short-hold tenancies. It is a cosmopolitan mix of people, with several young families with children and retired people, many of whom have moved into the village. People have found employment within the local area at Redesdale Camp, various hotels and cafés and Kielder. The village is remote with long distances required for travel for shopping or hospital appointments and many people shop over the border in Scotland.

From a population of less than 100 in the actual village, there are 15 children in the village, 12 girls and three boys. There are two young adults, one at college in Newcastle and one at University in Manchester.



St Francis Church

While the church in the past was well attended, people have died or moved away and support has dwindled. The younger families have full lives and would appear not to have the time, although when asked directly they insist that they want the church to remain open.

It is a mistake to put all rural churches into the same category, St. Francis Church is one mile from the village, up a forestry track with limited parking. This is vastly different from Bellingham and Falstone, etc., where the church is in the centre of the village.

Byrness village is not a typical “rural village” but saying that, there is a wealth of knowledge about the Border area, it is rich in wildlife, and the Pennine Way runs past the church. Many walkers and pilgrims step inside for a bit of peace and some come year after year. The National Park includes

St. Francis in its itinerary for the open days at Catcleugh Reservoir and the church has a unique commemorative window showing workers at Catcleugh, which was paid for by the workers to honour those who died in the building of the dam. This is the only such window in the country. The church is situated in a wild and lonely place with the steepest churchyard in the area, and it is the closest church to the Scottish Border at Carter Bar.

St Francis Church is unique in many ways, and hopefully, with energetic and optimistic clergy, the people of the area could be encouraged to support the Church. However, it is felt at present that the Church has a stuffy image, whether justified or unjustified. This needs to change so that people with no church background will feel welcomed and not judged.



Holy Trinity, Horsley



Rochester with Horsley

Rochester lies in upper Redesdale about ten miles south of the Scottish border. It consists of Rochester Village and the hamlet of Horsley, with a number of outlying farms and isolated cottages outside the village's curtilage. The village began as a settlement within the remains of the old Roman fort of Bremenium, which overlooks the valley. The

15 houses in and around the fort are known as High Rochester; the 18 houses in the village by the A68 are known as Low Rochester. About 25 farms are scattered around and beyond Rochester and several are in the Otterburn Training Area, owned by the MOD. Dwellings are mostly owner-occupied and quite a number of cottages are now rented out as holiday lets.

Rochester, together with most of the surrounding areas lie within the Northumberland National Park. Northumberland has England's most pristine dark skies and is an international, gold star, Dark Sky Park, attracting many visitors each year.

The Redesdale Arms Hotel, once a coaching inn, is located at Horsley. The Camien Café in the village also serves as a part-time post office. The Village Hall was renovated about ten years ago and is used for many community and church activities, particularly in the winter months. But the garage and filling station closed over a decade ago.

For centuries the main industry around Rochester has been upland farming – the farms being both freehold and tenant-leased from estate owners such as Lord Redesdale. In the mid-nineteenth century, the population numbered around 400 and the village included several shops, a butcher, a joiner, a blacksmith, postmaster, schoolmaster, Presbyterian minister and C of E vicar, with 69 children on the roll-book of Lord Redesdale's C of E school. Sadly, this is no longer the case. Considerable changes in the twentieth century have led to a decrease in population.

The MOD purchased over 58,000 acres from 1910 onwards to create a major military training area. This provided good employment for local people in the beginning, but successive army cutbacks have led to many job losses. An economic downturn in farming and increased mechanisation has meant that fewer people are employed now on the land. Young people are leaving to find work in

the towns and cities. Rochester school closed in 1953 and young children are now taken by bus to Otterburn School.

Rochester today is a settled community. Many local families have lived here for decades. More retired or semi-retired folks live here than in previous years. But the area is very popular with tourists, which has led to a growth in visitors all year around, and increased holiday-let cottages.

Holy Trinity Church

This church is located in Horsley, about a mile and a half on the Otterburn side of Rochester. Lord Redesdale, a local estate owner, built it for his tenants, to spare them the long journey to Elsdon for Sunday worship. The church was completed in 1844. Later, in 1883, the second Lord Redesdale built the vicarage above Holy Trinity church to house its vicar. However, the vicarage has been in private ownership since 1963.

Holy Trinity parish church has several notable features, including a recently restored, two-manual Nelson Organ, a Roman Altar with a legible inscription, laminated beams supporting the roof, and a number of plaques on its walls in memory of members of the Mitford family, who have a long association



with Redesdale, a factor which has attracted many visitors interested in the Mitfords and the famous sisters over the years.

Apart from church festivals and events, congregations nowadays are small. But the church and local community have supported each other in various projects. The new gallery to house the organ was fully funded by community subscriptions, whilst some years ago the restoration of the organ and its associated programme of community and educational events was funded by HLF England, with a generous grant of £225,000. This generated enthusiasm and great cooperation in the village and among the local schools which was harnessed towards a large concert in which all the schools in the North Tyne and Rede valleys participated.

Since the organ's restoration, concerts and organ recitals have been held in the church at various times of the year, including several children's concerts showcasing the talents of the young people of Redesdale and these proved very successful. Our music events were just gathering momentum before the pandemic struck and we hope we can continue with these in safety in future years. Our church members are loyal, hard-working, enthusiastic and always open to exploring new possibilities. We look forward to working with our new Rector to further God's plan in our valley.

St Aidan, Thorneyburn

Tarset and Greystead Area and Community

We are a very small rural community based across the upper North Tyne, Tarset and Tarret Burns with a population of under 300 in 145 dwellings mainly in farms, isolated homes and small hamlets of Greenhaugh and Lanehead and Greystead, with a pop density of less than 0.02 per hectare! However, we are a lively and very active community who get involved in most things and recently said their satisfaction with local area was 90%

We have a Pub, Primary School, active Village Hall, Community Orchard, a Buddhist Retreat and a range of holiday lets, tourism venues, and rural businesses, one wedding venue, and a community website <https://www.tarset.co.uk> Our population is aging but active with young people moving away for further education, employment and accommodation, but our school, pub, church, and village hall continue to thrive despite the odds. Most homes are owner occupied with some rented. In Greenhaugh we have new homes being built. Being so rural, if something needs to be done, we get on and do it. In this pandemic the church community set up Tarset and Greystead Community Support – with a regular newsletter, shopping, prescriptions, and transport to vaccines as well as regular calls and visiting those who were isolating.



Worship in person again our Easter communion 2021 singing outside.

St Aidan's Church and family

St Aidan's was built in 1818 at the end of the Napoleonic wars along with its sister church St Luke's Greystead which is now a holiday let. These along with several rectories and other churches in the area were created out of the great Parish of Simonburn to give livings to retired Naval Chaplains. St Aidan's had its bicentenary celebrations in 2018 coinciding with the completion of our new roof which was a wonderful community celebration where we held over three days with garden parties, services, and exhibitions of the history of the church over the last 200 years. St Aidan's is the only open church in the parish and as such is seen by the community as their church whichever their original denomination.

We have an open churchyard at St Aidan's which is well maintained, with an updated mapping and register of all burials in 2018 and this year has been used for outside services too. We have a small, committed congregation for our regular services. For our major festivals such as Christmas, Easter and Harvest our church is full with over 120 for our candlelit carol service each year. The community groups are involved in these services with plays, music, readings and children's participation. The church is viewed as a community asset by the population. We have good links

with Greenhaugh Primary School where we previously held our church St Aidan's Club. The vicar was invited to take morning assemblies regularly and they hold their Harvest Festival Service at the church walking up from the school. Several of the children have been baptised there. The school have also attended in the summer for picnics, pilgrimages, or history events.

What we did in the last year

We kept the church open throughout with services, when allowed, both inside and outside. We set up and ran the Tasset and Greystead community support. We ran a plant stall for those unable to get to garden centres and held a St Aidan's Day Service and socially distanced picnic.

We delivered soup, puds, flowers and cards at harvest, eggs at Easter and cards at Christmas and Valentine's day as well as Mother's Day flowers, reaching out to the community and letting them know we were praying for them.

What we think is special about our church.

- The remote setting, tranquillity, and views. We have red squirrels and wildflowers in the churchyard set in the wilds of the Northumberland National Park with walks past the door. We also have a book of Wildflowers of Tasset written by a previous churchwarden.
- That it still plays a part as a 'community asset' and is seen so by most of the community who attend for major festivals, funerals, weddings, and baptisms. Like a tide sweeping down from the hills to meet and worship together.
- The Georgian simplicity of the design with its wonderful acoustics and great organ.

What we can offer you

A lively and active congregation with a can do attitude and active participation in the services. One member has undertaken Authorised Lay Ministry Training and others attended lay led worship workshops. A tradition of lay input into services with a family taking responsibility each month. There is wide enthusiasm for and commitment to support the community with socials and outreach support to older members of the community and work with children. Unconditional support and encouragement, any reasonable request considered!

Our hopes for the future

- We are sustainable with a new roof and sound building and have paid our parish share in full with our sister church St Peter's in the last year. We have a small active congregation and since the pandemic have reached out more to offer support and have good links with the school and hope with our new vicar to develop this further.
- We hope to develop St Aidan's to be an eco/environment retreat church which supports people to look at how climate change impacts on us and what we can do to reverse that as well as showing how important the natural world is. We would like to develop an outside reflection/ worship meditation space that would be available for all. We also have walks developed and hope to develop others planned to link with our Christian heritage.



Our Soup and Pud Social

St Peter, Falstone



St Peter's is the last church in the upper North Tyne Valley before the Scottish Border, the village is situated surrounded by the mighty Kielder forest, in the shadow of Kielder reservoir. The area is a beacon for tourists looking for peace and tranquillity with a bit adventure too.

St Peter's is the heart of the village (conveniently situated behind The Blackcock Inn ☺) As part of the Northumberland National Park, the area was awarded the Gold Tier Dark Sky Park status by the International Dark Skies Association in 2013 and the Kielder Observatory is close by.

Falstone has a population of around 250, it has community garden and a picnic area, children's play area behind the village hall, toilets, car parking, tearooms, a Post Office, a pub, toddler group, holiday accommodation and a riverside trail. Falstone has a real sense of community spirit and before the pandemic there was lots going on and lots to be part of. Since lockdown whilst we couldn't meet in person the whole community pulled together to provide support for each other, keeping in touch with those who live alone and shopping for essentials. The staff at the Tearoom arranged a shopping hub.

In 2020 (when allowed) St Peter's held services both inside and outside and in partnership with the URC. During the 2nd lockdown members of the church delivered Christmas cards to the whole community, popping a card through every door and engaging in "socially distanced" conversation. In the dark days of February 2021, the PCC wanted to remind the community they were praying for them and able to offer support if needed so a Valentine's Day card was posted to every household with a chocolate heart inside and a specially written prayer.

- Bunches of daffodils were left outside church on Mothering Sunday for the mothers and ladies of the village to collect.
- Socially distanced Easter day egg hunt (with clues) was arranged for the children in the village

In normal times:

- Ecumenical services for Easter, Harvest, Remembrance, Christmas carol service and Mothering Sunday with a Churches Together committee bringing all of these services together
- Christingle service each year.
- A Willow Church has been planted on the banks of Kielder reservoir at Landal Kielder Waterside Holiday Park, plans to have out door summer services to involve the tourists staying at the park.
- St Peters with the URC runs a monthly Messy Church.
- St Peter's is part of the community and involved in all Falstone's activities and events.
- Christmas 2019 saw an extremely successful partnership of businesses in the village, the URC, Hall Committee and St Peter's culminating in Festive Falstone a Christmas event for all of the family and we hope to build on this after lockdown.
- St Peter's has a presence at Falstone Border Shepherds Show each year.
- St Peter's is involved at the opening of the Kielder Winter Wonderland with a special Christingle Service on the opening evening when Father Christmas arrives.
- St Peter's along with the village hall committee and URC provide cakes, savouries and refreshments at the famous Kielder marathon each year.
- Two members of the congregation are authorised in Leading Worship in the Parish Worship services and work in collaboration with our sister church St Aidan's Thorneyburn.
- The Chocolate Morning at Easter is a social event with stalls and refreshments involves adults and children. The children hear the Easter Story and put the finishing touches to the Easter Garden and also enter an Easter themed competition.
- At Christmas St Peter's holds a Christmas Market in the village hall for local artists and crafts persons to sell their wares, this is a popular event which attracts lots of people from not only the village. There are also crafts for the children to participate in and mulled wine refreshments for the adults too 😊
- Plans to develop a pilgrimage walk from St Aidan's Thorneyburn to St Luke's Greystead and St Peter's and, if not too tired, on to the Willow Church.
- Soup and pud social events / monthly coffee/wellbeing mornings.



St Cuthbert, Elsdon



Elsdon is the largest settlement within Northumberland National Park and lies three miles east of Otterburn, 10 miles southwest of Rothbury and adjoins the nearby military range. The parish has a population of 242, of this number there are 8 children aged 0-4 and 19 aged 5-15 (taken from census information 2011) Like other western and northern areas of Northumberland it is among the least populated areas of England and has a wild and

unspoilt beauty. There is a strong farming presence and these households are often situated in very isolated locations on the fells outside the village. The parish demographic is mixed but weighted towards an ageing and retired population, there are however some young families both in the village and in outlying areas. The children of the parish travel to school, sometimes a considerable distance, depending on parents' choice joining one of two school streams. Although the village and parish is lacking in some amenities such as public transport, a post office and village shop it does boast a pub, The Bird in Bush, a thriving micro-brewery and very well-appointed village hall.

A strong sense of community within the parish has developed over the years, the church, village hall and pub often supporting each other and working together on occasions such as the village fete held on August bank holiday. Other activities have grown and developed, a film club, bowls, table tennis, book group and writing group – these are enjoyed and well supported.

St Cuthbert's Church

The parish church of St Cuthbert, Elsdon, is a Grade I listed building of significant historical and architectural interest. The body of St Cuthbert is said to have rested here during the journey of the Lindisfarne monks after they left the island in 875AD. The church building dates from about 1400 but earlier elements can be seen at the west end of the side aisles. It is also known as the mother church of Redesdale and has been a place of Christian worship, predating the existing stone building, for many centuries surviving battles, invasion, fire and plague. St Cuthbert's church is situated at the centre of a circle of dwellings surrounding the village green - so in a very practical sense the church is at the heart of the community.



The regular congregation is small but the church is well attended for special services, carols by candlelight and midnight mass at Christmas, or for Mothering Sunday and at Easter. St Cuthbert's church has capacity to seat 200 and has become a venue for events such as concerts, talks and singing workshops. Throughout the summer and early autumn a monthly event "Culture in a cool place" has become a well-established feature, where authors and writers are invited to talk about their work and lead discussions.

As part of the Inspired Futures project, St Cuthbert's benefited from practical and financial support to upgrade and repair the building. The long term aim being to make the building more open and welcoming to everyone; our congregation and local community, tourists and visitors, and to people of all faiths or none. The building does lack heating but recently installed heated pew seats have provided warmth and a talking point! St Cuthbert's Elsdon is extremely popular with tourists and visitors, having an annual footfall through the doors of over 1,000 visitors a year. Genealogy enthusiasts from far afield search the churchyard and its well-documented map looking for long lost relatives, others are drawn by the abundance of history and enjoy recently installed displays such as the mysterious three horse skulls and the replica sword of the Battle of Otterburn in 1388. Walkers begin or end their day exploring the building, some follow the new St Cuthbert's Three Church Trail linking Elsdon, Corsenside and Bellingham. Many come to sit and pray, meditate or just enjoy the peace and silence of this sacred space. This, of course, was prior to the restrictions of lockdown; as we emerge from the pandemic our hope is that we can regain momentum and continue to make St Cuthbert's a welcoming presence at the heart of the community.

Although the congregation is small in number, St Cuthbert's is well-loved by those both living in the parish and visiting and is supported by church goers and non-church goers alike. So at this point in time we would welcome a priest who is supportive and sympathetic to the challenges of maintaining both the fabric of the building and the pastoral life of the church within the parish. St Cuthbert's has many stories to tell and many more to be revealed. These stories of faith and hope are embedded in our own local Christian heritage and in the very stones of the building. Our hope is that they might be preserved, maintained and shared with everyone now and for the future.

Corsenside, All Saints and St Cuthbert



The parish of Corsenside is made up of three small settlements – West Woodburn, Ridsdale and East Woodburn – and a vast tract of open hill land in Redesdale. It is a beautiful, relatively unspoilt area with a population of around 500. The secondary route into Scotland, the A68, runs through the middle of our parish, and the River Rede connects us with Otterburn to the north-east and Bellingham to the west. Although many local facilities have been lost in recent years, including the village

First School, we still have a small village shop, two pubs and two churches.

The Churches

The centre of the village moved from Corsenside to its present site at West Woodburn some 250 years ago, when the bridge was built over the River Rede and the main line road to Edinburgh was improved, leaving St Cuthbert's very much on its own.

St Cuthbert's Corsenside dates back to Norman times. One thousand years of worship and the bones of St Cuthbert can be felt in the walls and the graveyard, perched on a lonely, wind-swept outcrop overlooking the Rede with only the sounds of curlews, sheep and the occasional lorry on the A68 400 yards away for company. It has a special place in the hearts of the residents, church and non-church, and attracts many visitors from all over the world with family connections to the parish.

All Saints was built by public subscription in 1906, on church land next to the former vicarage and equidistant from the three settlements in a time before the motorcar became commonplace and walking was the main mode of local transport. It is a larger church in the Arts and Crafts style with examples of fine joinery work in the construction of the altar, wood panelling, friezes and pews.



Worship in Corsenside

Until a few years ago, we were fortunate to have a service every Sunday. However, with declining congregations and fewer church resources, we retrenched to monthly services and since the Covid-19 pandemic, we have not had a Sunday service. Both churches are well-attended for funerals and other celebrations.

The Future

We recognise the seismic changes going on in the Church and wider society, and the opportunity this represents to make the local church more relevant to the lives of parishioners and visitors alike. The area is no longer as isolated as it was, and the opening-up of Northumberland as a visitor destination offers us the chance to revitalise the church and work together with other parishes in the benefice. We are looking to share the burden of running two old church buildings (with very limited financial and people resources) by joining with Bellingham as a joint PCC.

Otterburn and St John the Evangelist

Otterburn is a small village in the Rede valley which had a population of 654 in the 2011 census but has increased considerably since then. Curiously, even Otterburn has a connection with St Cuthbert, as when the monks carrying Cuthbert's relics fled from Lindisfarne to escape Danish raiders, they are said to have passed through our parish before coming to rest at Elsdon!



Ours is a friendly parish set in beautiful surroundings, with a great community spirit. We have a mixture of young families and retired people in the village, with the Otterburn Army Camp and farms in the surrounding area.

The village has a small supermarket, appropriately called 'The Border Reiver'. The Otterburn Mill's woollen blankets were famous from Victorian times and a thriving Mill shop still operates – this and its café, are a huge draw for visitors from all over the UK and beyond. A small primary school is located outside the village. In recent years the two hotels in the village have become fashionable wedding venues and there is another wedding venue just outside the village.

The Rede, Tyne and Coquet Sports and Leisure Centre (RTC) is located on the outskirts of Otterburn and offers some great facilities to the local communities of the Rede, North Tyne and Coquet Valleys, with a sports hall, fully equipped gym, showers and social area. There is also an excellent village hall, called The Otterburn Memorial Hall, which is a focal point for the local community. In 2018, the Village Hall Committee worked closely with Otterburn Parish Council to bring back a post office service to the village.

Our Church

Just across from the village hall lies St John the Evangelist Church. Its foundation stone was laid on 28 September 1855. It was one of the most famous designs by John Dobson, the well-known Victorian architect, completed and dedicated on 27 October 1857. At first, the church was under the control of the Rectors of Elsdon, but it became a parish in its own right in 1921. In the porch of our church lies the original head of the famous medieval Percy Cross. The Cross itself now has a more modern head and is located in a small clearing to the north of the village. One of the oldest

features inside the church is the font, brought here from Hexham Abbey. The splendid eagle lectern was gifted to the church by Thomas James of Otterburn Tower. Near the altar, there is a two manual pipe organ by Nicholson and Newbigin, dating from 1910. One of the best internal features of the church is our altar, imported from Italy, with a magnificent carving inspired by Leonardo Da Vinci's famous painting 'The Last Supper'. The altar and the marble floor of our sanctuary were given by Sir Charles and Lady Morrison-Bell of Otterburn Hall, who were also responsible for the choir vestry in 1910.

On the north nave wall is a Roll of Honour to those who died in both World Wars and this is very much the focus of the congregation on Remembrance Sunday, when we have a special service, attended by representatives of the MOD from nearby Otterburn Camp.

Worship in St John's

Our pre-pandemic worship pattern was similar to that of the other Redesdale churches, in that we held a Communion Service on the first Sunday of the month, using Common Worship, and on every third Sunday we had lay-led Parish worship. Baptisms, weddings and funerals were also part of our annual calendar, together with school services for the children of our local school

Prior to the pandemic, we had a mid-week communion on the third Sunday of the month at our Rede House Retirement Homes in Brierley Gardens, which was open to everyone.

On Thursday evenings from 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm, we offered what is the equivalent of a Sunday School for our young children of school-going age. This is called The Otters Club and we had Bible stories, songs and crafts which the children all enjoyed.

We have a Baptismal Visitor in our parish, who visits any family with children wishing to be baptised, offering pastoral care, answering questions and counselling. She is responsible for looking after any baptismal requests in St John's, St Cuthbert's (Elsdon), Holy Trinity and St Francis and she follows up afterwards by sending anniversary cards to all those baptised, up to school age.



Our hopes for the future

We are a welcoming, friendly congregation who wish to continue to grow in God's love in this rural community. We hope for a full-time vicar or rector for both valleys who will work with Redesdale as well as with North Tynedale, because in the past we have felt somewhat overlooked and neglected.

Your Home: The Rectory, Bellingham, NE48 2JS



- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Study
- Newly Fitted Kitchen
- Utility Room & Downstairs w/c
- Family Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Garden & Parking

The Rectory is a four bedroom detached house in the village of Bellingham.

It comprises an entrance hallway, downstairs w/c and study and two reception rooms, one with an open fire and the second one has access into the rear garden. There is a newly fitted kitchen and access into a utility room.

Upstairs, there are four bedrooms, three of which are good sized doubles and there is a family bathroom with a bath and separate wet area and shower.

The property has LPG gas central heating and is double glazed. Externally, there is a driveway with parking and a good sized garden to the rear that offers access into a small paddock that leads down to the river where fishing can be done. There is a separate stone built stable and outbuildings.

Financial Information


BELLINGHAM ST CUTHBERTS Treasurer's Report for the year ended 31st December 2020

Receipts & Payments Account For the year ended 31st December 2020

	31/12/2020				31/12/2019
	Barclays Current Account	CCLA Account	Restoration account	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Collections: Planned Giving	13,468.49			13,468.49	11,442.58
Collections: Pledges	644.50			644.50	1,014.42
Collections: Plate	518.49			518.49	2,765.90
Collections: Funerals	1,457.37			1,457.37	1,905.20
Collections: Retirement	1,514.00			1,514.00	
Donations	2,453.97		315.21	2,769.18	3,048.39
Fees	385.00			385.00	489.00
Sales	0.00			0.00	235.77
Magazines	0.00			0.00	384.00
Fairs & Fetes	0.00			0.00	1,922.81
Gift Aid refund	3,905.63			3,905.63	3,257.95
Bank Interest	0.00	129.18		129.18	243.08
Income: Well Project	100.00		11,444.00	11,544.00	0.00
Friends Closure	2,117.26			2,117.26	0.00
Total Receipts	26,564.71	129.18	11,759.21	38,453.10	26,307.10
	Barclays Current Account	CCLA Account	Restoration account	Total	
	£	£	£	£	
Payments					
Heating	495.74			495.74	1,215.65
Electricity	314.53			314.53	262.42
Maintenance	4,682.21			4,682.21	3,903.00
Parish Share	15,415.00			15,415.00	15,113.00
Team Share	2,640.92			2,640.92	2,212.48
Services	2,591.45			2,591.45	2,734.85
Stationery	15.60		1,634.00	1,649.60	916.42
Charities	93.95			93.95	307.96
Charities Funerals	487.00			487.00	605.81
Deanery					20.00
Miscellaneous	450.63			450.63	110.00
Restorations expenses					0.00
Well Project	2,783.32		600.00	3,383.32	-
Retirement Collection	1,910.00			1,910.00	-
Total Payments	31,880.35	0.00	2,234.00	34,114.35	27,401.59
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS	(5,316)	129	9,525	4,339	(1,094)

Balance Sheet As at 31st December 2020

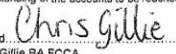
	31/12/2020				31/12/2019
	Barclays Current Account	CCLA Account	Restoration account	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Current Assets					
Current	5,239.82			5,239.82	3,555.46
Restoration			10,726.52	10,726.52	1,201.31
CCLA - BF		25,709.80		25,709.80	32,580.52
Net Assets	5,239.82	25,709.80	10,726.52	41,676.14	37,337.39
Represented by :-					
Reserves					
Bfwd	3,555.46	32,580.62	1,201.31	37,337.39	38,431.88
Transfer between accounts	7,000.00	-7,000.00		0.00	0.00
Net Receipts/Payments for the period	(5,316)	129.18	9,525.21	4,338.75	(1,094)
	5,239.82	25,709.80	10,726.52	41,676.14	37,337.39

Signed  10th March 2021
John Stevenson (Treasurer)

Independent Examiners Report

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records have not been met, or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed  10th March 2021
Chris Gillie BA FCCA
TyneRede Accountancy Limited
Lloyds Bank House
Bellingham
NE48 2AZ

PCC OF ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH ELSDON

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2020 Total funds	2019 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Collections and Church box	1,488.44	-	1,488.44	2,990.72
Funeral and wedding fees	396.00	-	396.00	1,415.00
Pledges, envelopes and covenants	2,370.00	-	2,370.00	2,270.00
Village fete	-	-	-	1,200.00
Fundraising	210.05	-	210.05	678.50
Sundry income	1,550.00	-	1,550.00	185.00
Community Foundation	-	4,404.00	4,404.00	-
Pew heating	-	-	-	9,519.00
Lanterns	-	-	-	2,500.00
Singing workshop	-	-	-	341.00
Church magazine	32.50	-	32.50	225.50
Total receipts	6,046.99	4,404.00	10,450.99	21,324.72
PAYMENTS				
Insurance	2,318.56	-	2,318.56	2,302.20
Electricity	843.43	-	843.43	456.53
Organ tuning and repairs	-	-	-	193.00
Fire safety	136.50	-	136.50	152.40
Building repairs and conservation	1,084.93	101.00	1,185.93	984.36
Parish Share	600.00	-	600.00	1,350.00
Team Share	1,742.80	-	1,742.80	1,401.06
Sundry expenses	308.00	-	308.00	343.54
Lawnmower	-	4,303.00	4,303.00	-
Heritage Lottery Fund project	-	-	-	5,973.00
Pew heating	-	-	-	9,419.00
Lanterns	-	-	-	3,718.05
Singing workshop	-	-	-	360.00
Church magazine	-	-	-	227.50
Total payments	7,034.22	4,404.00	11,438.22	26,880.64
Net of receipts/(payments)	(987.23)	-	(987.23)	(5,555.92)
Transfer between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	2,344.90	-	2,344.90	7,900.82
Cash funds this year end	1,357.67	-	1,357.67	2,344.90

PCC of falstone with greystead and Thorneyburn

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

for meeting on ~~Thursday 12th November 2020~~
22nd March 2021

From: Katrine Anderson-Treasurer

Date of statement: 15.3.21

St Aidans building fund	£11070.08	(Held in current account)
St Peters Reserved fund	£ 974.09	(Held in current account)
Balance in current account	<u>£12648.35</u>	
Current account Balance		
@ 15.3.21	<u>£ 23718.43</u>	
Thorneyburn & Greystead Churchyards Account (includes £10,000.00 from the Estate of John E Robson)	£10874.26	
Church Building Fund (CCLA)		
@ 9.3.21	£92386.50	

The current account has been increased by grants we applied for from the County Council
These were for £1634.50 and £ 7573.21 a Total of 9207.71

Parish Giving, donations and regular payments by standing orders and direct debits are still being paid in..

The Church Building fund is now worth £3,000 more than last year despite taking £2000 out in order to pay the parish share and £1600 for repairs. The original sum invested as a Restricted Fund was £70,000.

CORSENSIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2020

RECEIPTS	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Incoming resources from donors					
St Cuthbert's churchyard grass cutting	-	-	700.00	700.00	100.00
St Cuthbert's churchyard and church building	-	-	400.00	400.00	800.00
Cash collections for church	25.00				
Gift-aid gifts	3,835.00				
CAF vouchers	1,000.00				
Other gifts and pledges	687.00				
Cash in collection Boxes – St Cuthbert's	71.84				
Cash in collection Boxes – All Saints	-				
	<u> </u>	5,618.84	-	5,618.84	6,694.29
Other Voluntary Income Resources					
Rent – NEDL Transformer	28.84				
Sales of Team Magazine	97.50				
Fees	1,344.00				
	<u> </u>	1,470.34	-	1,470.34	2,279.34
Activities to generate funds					
		-			323.50
Gift Aid claimed from HMRC					
Gift Aid (named donors)	863.37				
Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme	-				
	<u> </u>	863.37	-	863.37	932.10
Interest received					
Premium business account		-	6.34	6.34	18.68
Savings account November 2019	2.18				
Savings account 2020	2.86				
	<u> </u>	5.04	-	5.04	
Total Receipts		<u>7,957.59</u>	<u>1,106.34</u>	<u>9,063.93</u>	<u>11,147.91</u>
PAYMENTS	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Cost of Church Activities					
Diocesan Share	4,200.00				3,500.00
Team Ministry	1,813.86				1,971.89
Electricity used	153.94				201.43
Electricity installation inspection/repair	169.00				
Liturgical books	-				36.98
Insurance St Cuthbert's	877.05				872.45
Insurance All Saints'	1,507.42				1,498.99
Lighting conductor inspection	-				132.00
Lighting conductor upgrade	-				522.00
Use of Village Hall	-				10.00
Fire Extinguishers and Electrical Installation – test/repair	-				20.00
Grass Cutting / Gardening	-		580.00		578.00
Sanctuary (wine, wafers, candles)	-				21.71
Cleaning	14.30				
Subscriptions	-				13.50
Magazine publication	97.50				305.50
Quinquennial Inspection – All Saints	726.00				
	<u> </u>	9,559.07	-	9,559.07	
Management and Administration					
Secretarial Costs of Deanery		-			20.00
Total Payments		<u>9,559.07</u>	<u>580.00</u>	<u>10,139.07</u>	<u>9,704.45</u>

CORSENSIDE - CONTINUED

BALANCE SHEET

	Unrestricted Funds 2020	Restricted Funds 2020	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
Total receipts	7,957.59	1,106.34	9,063.93	11,147.91
Total payments	9,559.07	580.00	10,139.07	9,704.45
Net receipts/(payments)	(1,601.48)	526.34	(1,075.14)	1,443.46
Balance b/fwd 1 January	7,347.50	9,018.75	16,366.25	14,922.79
Balance c/fwd 31 December	5,746.02	9,545.09	15,291.11	16,366.25

Statement of Assets and Liabilities on 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted Funds 2020	Restricted Funds 2020	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
Bank Current Account(s)	5,162.34	1,434.00	6,596.34	7,682.86
Bank Deposit Accounts		8,111.09	8,111.09	8,104.75
Building Society (Virgin Money)	583.68		583.68	578.64
Balance c/fwd 31 December	5,746.02	9,545.09	15,291.11	16,366.25

Financial Review of the year ended 31 December 2020

Total income (£9,063) in 2020 was 81% of that in 2019 (£11,148). Total expenditure in 2020 (£10,139) was 104% of that in 2019 (£9,704) resulting in a deficit in total income over total expenditure of £1,075. The larger deficit (£1,601) in unrestricted income over expenditure is explained by a surplus (£526) of income over expenditure of restricted funds).

The insured values of All Saints' and St Cuthbert's church buildings are £2,758,504 and £1,515,000 respectively.

Otterburn: St John the Evangelist

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020				
Receipts and Payments Account				
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	TOTAL 2020	TOTAL 2019
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Voluntary receipts:				
Planned giving	£1,475		£1,475	£1,513
Collections at services	£1,289		£1,289	£2,719
All other giving/voluntary receipts	£508	£5,117	£5,625	£4,992
Gift Aid recovered	£1,078		£1,078	£607
Total voluntary receipts	£4,351	£5,117	£9,468	£9,831
Activities for generating funds	£2,310		£2,310	£4,208
Investment income	£15	£592	£608	£587
Church activities	£3,277		£3,277	£2,016
Other income				£645
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£9,953	£5,709	£15,662	£17,287
PAYMENTS				
Church activities:				
Diocesan parish contribution	£6,000		£6,000	£5,400
Clergy and staffing costs	£1,667		£1,667	£1,806
Church running expenses	£3,453	£463	£3,916	£3,397
Mission giving and donations				
Total church activities	£11,120	£463	£11,583	£10,603
Costs of generating funds	£1,080		£1,080	£1,140
Major capital expenditure				£5,341
Other expenditure	£120		£120	£90
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£12,320	£463	£12,783	£17,174
Excess of receipts over payments	-£2,368	£5,246	£2,879	£113
Transfers between funds				
Cash at bank and in hand 1 January	£10,492	£151	£10,643	£10,530
Cash at bank and in hand 31 December	£8,124	£5,398	£13,522	£10,643

Statement of Assets and Liabilities				
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	TOTAL 2020	TOTAL 2019
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Bank current account	£941	£5,398	£6,339	£4,065
Deposit funds	£7,182		£7,182	£6,578
Total cash funds	£8,124	£5,398	£13,522	£10,643
Investment assets				
Investment fund shares at market value	£331	£21,143	£21,473	£20,083

HORSLEY/BYRNES P.C.C. ACCOUNTS for Year Ending 31st December 2020

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>Horsley</u>	<u>Byrness</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>Horsley</u>	<u>Byrness</u>
Balance in hand	£5,561.22	£0.00	Quota	£1,600.00	£0.00
Collections	£917.83	£431.00	Team	£1,293.14	£0.00
Investments	£2,413.81	£503.31	Electricity	£510.92	£113.47
Tax Refund	£477.88	£0.00	Property Insurance	£834.09	£1,035.12
Interest	£3.82	£3.65	Heating Oil	£440.48	£0.00
Donations	£290.00	£200.00	Village Hall	£42.00	£28.00
Fees	£0.00	£310.00	Churchyard	£200.00	£100.00
Magazines	£68.70	£0.00	Magazines	£81.70	£0.00
Fundraising	£169.80	£169.80	Fire Safety	£39.00	£0.00
Building grants/gifts	£2,514.40	£24,178.59	Boiler /Electrical repairs	£369.82	£185.00
			Building repairs/Advice	£3,926.40	£1,145.00
Total	£12,417.46	£25,796.35	Total	£9,337.55	£2,606.59
Grand Total	£38,213.81		Grand Total	£11,944.14	
			BALANCE		
			Current Account	£2,242.09	
			Business Account	£24,027.58	
				£26,269.67	
Total Amount:	£38,213.81		Total Amount:	£38,213.81	

Audited and found to be correct.
 Geoffrey T. W Dent 14th January 21-

Trust Fund 31/12/20 Horsley - Foreman £6,146.09 (5,149)
 " " Leighton 78,451.67 (74,850)
 84,597.80 (80,000)
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