

Welcome to our weekly News and Diary from the parishes of Gateshead Fell, Harlow Green and Windy Nook

29th June 2025

Year 6 Leavers Services



This year we have had the privilege of having 5 of our schools attend Year 6 Leavers services and Prayer Spaces - these are always such a joy and make me wonder and think. Our amazing volunteers were Mavis, Jean, Margaret, Lynn, Ken, Elaine, John, Kaz, Kathleen, Cath, Catherine, Ann S, Ruth, Chris, Ann F, Rob, Stacey, Rosie and Hazel.

In the week Harlow Green Primary came to St Ninians and their questions for God were amazing ranging from questions about war, illness to dragons. They also shared worries about new schools, getting lost and more homework! Windy Nook and Falla Park came to St Albans many were proud of the effort they had made in their SATs and trying new things but were also very concerned about war and making new friends. Glynwood and Larkspur came along to St Johns they were equally concerned about the world, pollution and how we treat others.

This Is the first year we have hosted in more than one church - which came with its own logistical issues - missing maps being one of them - but thanks to all the volunteers, who gave up their time and energy, our children had the opportunity to look back over primary school, to consider how they feel now and to look to the future.

That means that over 4 days over two hundred 10 and 11 year olds came into our churches and were given opportunities to pray and wonder. Each church now has a display from these events - please do pray for these children over the summer as they prepare to leave some of their friends and the schools they know so well and move to new schools and make new friends.

Rev Danie

Future Dates

Saturday 26th July Family Picnic for all - as part of St Johns 200 anniversary
3pm to 5pm near Saltwell Park Bandstand- bring chairs, rugs and a picnic

Sunday 27th July 6pm Encounter God Service at St Ninians

Tuesday 29th July to Saturday 2nd August - Drama Holiday Club in the hall and in St Albans - funded through Gateshead HAF - for those in receipt of free school meals - **we are looking for volunteers again to collect lunches and serve and to help in the groups.**

Thursday 7th, 14th and 21st August Holiday Clubs.. Contact Lynn for information on 07940194154

Sunday 24th August Picnic in Saltwell Park as part of Gateshead Pride - noon to 4pm - come and find us as we give out leaflets, cakes and enjoy some time together.

Sunday 24th August 6pm Final Service marking 200 years of St Johns

Friday 29th August until Sunday 31st August Church camp

Gateshead Foodbank



Gateshead Foodbank relies on your goodwill and support. All of the food distributed by Gateshead Foodbank is donated by the public – that's why your food donations are absolutely vital to our ability to give everyone referred to us a balanced and nutritious supply of food with up to 7 days

worth of food .

Urgently needed food items: Tinned Meat, Beans, Tinned Fish, Tea and Coffee

You can donate in any of our churches.

What is happening across our parishes this week?

Week beginning Sunday 29th June

Sunday services 29th June	8am BCP at St Johns 10.30am Service at St Albans - Elaine's First Eucharistic Service Followed by a shared lunch in St Albans
Monday	7am Morning Prayer at St Johns 10am - 12pm Cafe at St Albans 1pm - 3.30pm Arts & Crafts at St Albans 4pm NO Evening Prayer
Tuesday	9am Morning Prayer at St Albans 10am - 1pm Place of Welcome at St Johns 8.45pm Men's Fellowship at Greencroft Club
Wednesday	9am Morning Prayer at St Johns 7.30pm-8.30pm Worship Night at St Albans
Thursday	9am Morning Prayer at St Ninians
Saturday	8.30am Men's Breakfast at St Ninians 6pm Low Fell Singers Concert at St Johns
Sunday - 5th July	8am BCP at St Johns 9.30am Service at St Johns 10am Service at St Ninians 10.30am Service at St Albans 12.30pm Baptism at St Albans



We are Inclusive Churches which celebrate and affirm every person and do not discriminate. If we can do anything to enable you to enjoy worshipping with us more then please let us know.

HELP!

If you would like to help with the drama holiday club from 29th July to 2nd August we need 2 volunteers a day to work with the young people alongside the drama company and people to fetch food and serve it.

Contact Danie if you can help on 07902477474

Prayers you may want to use this week

Collect

God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Parish Waymark Prayer

God of life - you make all things new.

Revive your church in our parishes.

Inspire our worship, release our gifts, and give us courage to follow where you lead.

Jesus, help us to know you better and draw us deeper into your presence.

Fill us with your Spirit so we can share your love and hope with all, and walk in the world as beacons of your light. Amen.

Prayers for those in our community

For healing

Betty White, Betty Elliott, John Watts, Simon Shaw, Geoff and Jean Lummes, Margaret Baldwin, Lindsey Forster, Jenny Devine, George Lackenby, Peter Grainge, Eileen Murphy, Karl and Christina Smith

Please note - The prayer list will be renewed from scratch next week - please email each church to add names or send a message to Hazel on Whatsapp.

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