

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

22nd June 2025

Some words from Rev Elaine

I can't believe I've been here for nearly a year! This time last year I was feeling very nervous, and wondering what it would be like - to be a deacon, to live back in Gateshead, and to serve in these wonderful churches. Well, it's been better than I ever dreamed, and more varied than I would have thought possible.

I have preached and led services, done my first baptism, and done my first funeral. I have cleaned and tidied, moved chairs around constantly, and asked endless questions about what we do, and why! I've met a lot of wonderful people, both in church and out - I've had chats on the street corner because I'm in a collar, I've been waved at by school children who've seen me in assemblies, and I've worshipped with my church family week by week... and I've loved it! It's a massive privilege to get to be part of what God is doing in this patch of Gateshead, and to see him at work in different ways in St. Ninian's, St. Alban's, and St. John's.

On Saturday I'll be ordained again at Durham Cathedral, and this time I'll be ordained priest - so I'll be able to do communion, which will be exciting. But this time I'm not being sent somewhere new. I'll be coming back here - to a place I already know, and people I already love - and I can't wait to find out what God might have in store for us all this next year!

Thank you so much for your prayers - and please do keep praying, as I need all the help I can get!

Blessings,
Rev. Elaine

Reverend Elaine's ordination to priesthood

On **Sunday 29th Elaine's first Eucharistic service will be at St Albans at 10.30am. St Johns will just have an 8am BCP service** that day to allow all who want to go along to St Albans to do so. **St Ninians will NOT** have a service on Sunday 29th. There will be a shared lunch celebration after the service, please sign up to say what you will bring. - Veggie options as well.

Thank you to our churchwardens who were sworn in on Wednesday 11th June.
Do pray for them and support them.



Future Dates - and volunteer requests

Saturday 5th July Men's breakfast at St Ninians

Saturday 5th July 6pm Low Fell Singers Concert at St Johns raising funds for Women's Cancer Detection Unit - tickets available on the door or beforehand - £7

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.. more details to come

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

If you can help at any of the events needing volunteers please message Danie on 07902477474 - we can only open church in this way with help.

**What is happening across our parishes this week?
Week beginning Sunday 22nd June**

Sunday services 22nd June	8am BCP at St Johns 9.30 Service at St Johns 10am Service at St Ninians 10.30am Service at St Albans 12.30pm Baptism at St Albans 6pm-7pm Evening of Prayer with the Global Church at St Ninians
Monday	7am Morning Prayer at St Johns 10.30am Harlow Green School Leavers Prayer Spaces at St Ninians 1pm-3.30pm Arts & Crafts at St Albans 4pm Evening Prayer at St Albans
Tuesday	9.30am-10.30am Windy Nook School Leavers at St Albans 10am-1pm Place of Welcome at St Johns 10.45am-11.00am Celtic Worship at St Johns 8.45pm Men's Fellowship at Greencroft Club
Wednesday	10am-11am Glynwood School Leavers at St Johns 1.30pm-2.30pm Larkspur School Leavers at St Johns 2pm- 3pm Callander Court
Thursday	9am Morning Prayer at St Ninians 10.30am-11.30am Falla Park School Leaver Service at St Albans
Saturday	4pm Elaine's Ordination to Priesthood at Durham Cathedral
Sunday - 29th June	8am BCP at St Johns 10.30am Service at St Albans - First Eucharistic Service for Elaine Followed by a shared lunch in 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.

Prayers you may want to use this week

Collect

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son.**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

Our clergy team is:

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