

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

27th July 2025

The Lord's Prayer

In our Gospel reading this Sunday - Luke 11.1-13 Jesus teaches his disciples how to pray using the words that we call 'The Lord's Prayer'. Then he encourages them to persevere in prayer, in all circumstances, trusting that God will provide what is needed – and, in particular, will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask.

This passage raises questions about how prayer is answered.

What is meant by 'daily bread' or 'the time of trial'?

What do we think we are asking when we say, 'Your kingdom come'?

What if persistence doesn't seem to lead to answered prayers?

Do we always let the Holy Spirit show us the answer to our prayer?

The Prayer course is an excellent way of exploring this - you can do it alone or in a small group - there are more details here. <https://prayercourse.org/>

Church Camp

It's that time of year when the nights are longer, days are warmer and we start to think of church camp.

Why don't you join us? The campsite is at Greencarts Farm and Bunkhouse and it is to be held from Friday 29th August until Sunday 31st August.

This is always a relaxed way to end the summer - we begin by setting up camp and celebrating together, after a leisurely breakfast - (self catering) if the weather is appropriate, those who want to, will paddleboard and swim at Chollerford on the Saturday morning. Otherwise coffee shops and cake are on offer. Saturday afternoon is about games and being together - if you don't fancy staying for the whole weekend why not come up and join us on Saturday afternoon. Saturday night is a campfire and relaxed worship and Sunday morning we break bread together before leaving and heading home.

It is an affordable site but for anyone who would find the cost difficult please do talk to Danie - all are welcome and none are excluded. Please can you let us know if you would like to come and if you need an electric point - these are limited but people can always plug phones into those who have it. Danie

Future Dates

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

Monday 1st September Cafe at St Albans

Saturday 6th September Men's breakfast at St Ninian's

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 27th July

Sunday services 27th 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 6pm Encountering God Service at St Ninians
Monday	7am Morning Prayer at St Johns 1pm - 3.30pm Arts & Crafts at St Albans 4pm Evening Prayer 7pm St Johns PCC
Tuesday	9.30am-3pm Drama Club at St Albans Community Centre 10am - 1pm Place of Welcome at St Johns 8.45pm Men's Fellowship at Greencroft Club
Wednesday	9.30am-3pm Drama Club at St Albans Church 2pm-3pm Callendar Court
Thursday	9.30am-3pm Drama Club at St Albans Church
Friday	9.30am-3pm Drama Club at St Albans Community Centre
Saturday	9.30am-3pm Drama Club at St Albans Community Centre
Sunday - 3rd August	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 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

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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, Peter Grainge, Karl and Christina Smith, Adrian Percy, Jim Holmes, Diane Kindred

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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