

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

13th July 2025

Who Is my neighbour?

In our Gospel reading today from Luke 10.25-37 in response to a question by a lawyer – Who is my neighbour? – Jesus tells a parable about a man who needs help.

Of those who had the opportunity, only a Samaritan did so; and Samaritans and Jews disliked each other intensely. By his actions, the man showed that he was not only a good Samaritan but a good neighbour. Jesus says to the lawyer, 'Go and do likewise.'

We often think of this story in terms of the men who didn't 'do the right thing' and one, the Samaritan, who did. But the overall story starts with the lawyer who asked for a deeper understanding of 'doing the right thing', and Jesus' parable and its challenge to his assumptions is the answer. The story can help us to re-examine our assumptions and responses too as well as encourage us to keep asking questions to gain a deeper understanding.

Next Sunday at St Albans is our shared lunch after the service... We start at about 11.45am and all are welcome from any church to come and join us.

It is also our Pot Noodle Sunday where we bring a Pot Noodle to be taken for the homeless in Gateshead in partnership with Oasis Community Housing. These are our neighbours and some of them sleep in our church yard!



Toddlers - Thanks to all who came and celebrated with toddlers on Saturday - it was wonderful to see so many - Pam has given 30 years to the toddlers of Windy Nook and beyond with a group of helpers and many of those are now grown up and have brought their own children to toddlers. Thanks go to Pam, David and all.

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

Honorary Non-Residential Canon at Durham Cathedral

I am honoured and humbled to have been invited to be an Honorary Non-residential Canon at Durham Cathedral. The letter from Bishop Sarah said that *'The invitation comes in recognition of your missional leadership in Gateshead and contribution to the wider life of the Diocese.'*

It will take place on Sunday 5th October at Evensong at 3.30pm and all are welcome.

Reverend Danie

What is happening across our parishes this week?

Week beginning Sunday 13th July

Sunday services 13th 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 5pm-6.15pm Youth Group at St Albans
Monday	7am Morning Prayer at St Johns 10am-12pm Cafe at St Albans (Please note: this is the last one before the summer break) 1pm - 3.30pm Arts & Crafts at St Albans 4pm Evening Prayer
Tuesday	9am Morning Prayer at St Albans 10am - 1pm Place of Welcome at St Johns 2pm Hawkesbury House Communion Service 8.45pm Men's Fellowship at Greencroft Club
Thursday	9am Morning Prayer at St Ninians
Saturday	10am-12pm Gardening at St Albans
Sunday - 20th July	8am BCP at St Johns 9.30am Service at St Johns 10am Service at St Ninians 10.30am Service at St Albans 11.45am Shared Lunch 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

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, 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, Peter Grainge, Karl and Christina Smith, Adrian Percy, Jim Holmes, Diane Kindred

Our clergy team is:

*Rev Danie Lindley (07902477474), Rev Ken Coulson (07596534635),
Rev John Mayes (07791615821) Rev Elaine Grant (07356073876)*

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***Please note Danie, Elaine and John are on training from
Wednesday this week until Friday and then Danie is away until
Saturday 26th July.***