

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

6th July 2025

## Congratulations to Elaine



It was wonderful to celebrate at the Cathedral with Rev Elaine and 7 others as they were ordained priests and then to enjoy our service together on Sunday Morning. We are so blessed to have both John and Elaine - who are still training with us - this means that we have lots of opportunities to try

things out over the next year with John and two years or so with Elaine.

We still rely on all those who carry out other ministries as we work together for the furthering of God's Kingdom here in Gateshead. Thank you to all who lead services, preach, lead intercessions, set up churches and so much more. As the body of Christ we all need each other.

In our Gospel reading this Sunday (Luke 10.1-11,16-20) Jesus sends 70 people ahead of him, in pairs, to spread the good news. He tells them to take little with them, gratefully receiving hospitality when it is offered and moving on swiftly when it is not.

He says that if people will not listen to their message, it is God they are rejecting. When the 70 return, they are full of joy from their experience and what they were able to do in Jesus' name.

Spreading the good news, engaging in hospitality, and sharing God's peace – these are all ways of giving and receiving God's blessings. How does this play out in our lives?



## 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



On Saturday 12th July our toddler group is celebrating 30 years since opening. If you attended at any time over the years please come along. We would love to see you and reminisce about the fun we have had. To be held at St Albans Community Centre from 2pm to 4pm. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served.

## What is happening across our parishes this week?

### Week beginning Sunday 6th July

Sunday services 6th 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
Monday	7am Morning Prayer at St Johns 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 8.45pm Men's Fellowship at Greencroft Club
Wednesday	9am NO Morning Prayer
Thursday	9am Morning Prayer at St Ninians
Saturday	Toddler celebration 2pm - 4pm at St Albans Community Centre
Sunday - 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

**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, 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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*Our safeguarding officers are Lynn Coulson - for St Albans and St Ninians  
and Catherine Mayes for St Johns - if you ever need to report anything  
please do contact them.*