

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

20th July 2025

The Service of God

In our Gospel reading for this Sunday Luke 10.38-42 Jesus visits the home of Martha and her sister Mary. Mary finds time to sit and listen to Jesus, but Martha is too busy with her chores. Martha grumbles about the lack of help from her sister, but Jesus suggests that, right now, listening to what he has to say is the most important thing to be done.

It reminds us that Service to God must be wholehearted, not grudging or resentful. And that there are many ways of serving God and everyone has an important contribution to make among other things - how do you respond to this reading?

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.

Future Dates

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



RECYCLING

All churches continue to collect and recycle these items.

**Candles
Stamps
Ink Cartridges
Milk Carton tops
Spectacles**

What is happening across our parishes this week?

Week beginning Sunday 20th July

Sunday services 20th July	8am BCP at St Johns 9.30am Service at St Johns 10am Service at St Ninians 10.30am Service at St Albans 11.30am Shared Lunch at St Albans
Monday	7am NO Morning Prayer at St Johns 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
Thursday	9am Morning Prayer at St Ninians
Saturday	10am - 12am Gardening at St Albans cancelled from last week due to weather. 3pm-5pm. Family Picnic for all - near Saltwell Park Bandstand- bring chairs, rugs and a picnic
Sunday - 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

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

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; 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

For those who are mourning especially the family and friends of **Audrey Tate** whose funeral took place this last week

Our clergy team is:

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Rev John Mayes (07791615821) Rev Elaine Grant (07356073876)*

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Rev'ds Danie and John are away this week - Contact Ken or Elaine for any support