

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

10th August 2025

What is real treasure?

In our Gospel reading Luke 12: 32-40 this Sunday Jesus tells his disciples not to be afraid for God is offering the kingdom. Treasure is in heaven rather than on earth, because 'where your treasure is, there will be your heart also' (v.34). God is like a master who is ready to serve his own servants – but be always alert and ready, because you don't know when he will arrive.

The Gospel reading makes an astute connection between treasure and our emotions, between what we value and the values that drive us. The challenge is to understand what real treasure is. Real treasure comes from God. This is treasure that will last forever. Yet, it can be found right here, right now; and we find it by looking at what God is doing all around us and joining in the work of his kingdom.

An Answer to Prayer

At the end of May, after being on HRT for a long time, I started to bleed. I went to the GP, she placed me on the Urgent Cancer Detection pathway. I went for a scan, where I was told I had a polyp which was more than likely causing the bleeding. I went to see a gynaecologist who told me that the polyp was almost 3cm big so it would have to be removed under a General Anaesthetic, that day I asked to go on our prayer list.

That Sunday, I was prayed for in church, a sense of peace came over me, and the bleeding stopped, I had been bleeding nonstop for 5 weeks.

On Friday 25th of July I went to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital for the surgery, I took my holding cross in with me. When the surgeon came to see me afterwards she told me that I had a perfectly healthy womb, there was no polyp to be removed, she has taken a biopsy as a matter of course, but she had no concerns about my health at all.

I want to thank you all for your prayers, God has answered those prayers in a way that I could only have hoped for. God is so good, I am so blessed that once

again he has answered prayers where my health is concerned. He keeps telling me he has a plan for me, Jer 29:11 'for I know the plans I have for you' declares the Lord 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future' is the verse that keeps popping up all over the place. Diane Kindred.

Future Dates

Wednesday 20th August 7pm St Albans Worship team Gathering

Thursday 21st August Holiday Club. 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 share a picnic and Gods love 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

Saturday September 13th - 11am Durham Cathedral Philip's Authorisation Service

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 10th August

Sunday services 10th August	8am BCP at St Johns 9.30am Service at St Johns 10am Service at St Ninians 10.30am Service at St Albans 11.30pm Baptism St Johns
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 Morning Prayer at St Johns
Thursday	10am - 2pm Holiday Club at St Albans Church
Sunday - 17th August POT NOODLE SUNDAY	8am BCP at St Johns 9.30am Service at St Johns 10am Service at St Ninians 10.30am Service at St Albans 11.30 Shared lunch at St Albans

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If you are able to bring a Pot noodle to any service on 17th they will be taken to Oasis Community Housing.



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

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; 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

Connor Buckley(aged 8), Eunice and Mike Anton, Betty Elliott, Karl and Christina Smith, Iris Taylor, John Watts, Jenny Devine, Betty White, Simon Shaw, Lindsey Foster

For those who are mourning the death of loved ones, especially the family and friends of Elizabeth Hardy and Kathleen Edgar whose funerals have taken place through the ministry of our churches this week.

Our clergy team is:

Rector - Rev Danie Lindley (07902477474), **Associate Priest** - Rev Ken Coulson (07596534635), **Curates** - Rev John Mayes (07791615821) and Rev Elaine Grant (07356073876)

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