

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

24th August 2025



## St Johns 200 Celebration

Today marks the day when we celebrate the 200 years of St Johns being consecrated for worship. Over the 200 years there have been many changes and some of us share memories of times gone past.

Tonight we will give thanks for all that has been, all that is and will turn our thoughts to what will be.

Do come and join us if you are available - church will be open for 5.30pm and we will have a service from 6pm. This is to be a true celebration with hymns from the 200 years (not 200 hymns don't panic!) but some great hymns that have been popular through the ages.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Rev Danie

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## Luke 13:10–17

In this powerful encounter, Jesus heals a woman who had been bent over for 18 years. Despite the religious leader's outrage that this healing took place on the Sabbath, Jesus reminds them—and us—that compassion is never out of season. He challenges the hypocrisy of valuing rules over people, and reveals God's heart for restoration, dignity, and freedom.

The woman doesn't ask for healing; Jesus sees her, calls her forward, and sets her free. What an image of grace!

### Challenge:

Where do we need to be more like Jesus—seeing the overlooked, reaching out in compassion, and breaking through unspoken barriers to bring life?

This week, look around—who might be silently carrying a burden? What act of mercy could you offer today, even if it's inconvenient or goes against expectations? Healing begins with seeing.

## **Holiday Clubs 2025**



Thanks so much to all who have supported our Holiday Clubs - we have had 3 wonderful Thursdays. The first one was based on Feeding the Five Thousand - when the children made their own lunch including their own bread! The second one was about creating music and creation in the outdoors - we had a wonderful time with Nadia and the drums and Boomwhackers. Then this Thursday



we had visitors of snakes and some furry creatures as we made appropriate crafts. None of this could happen if we didn't have the support of all who came along and helped. Thanks Again!

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## **Future Dates**

**Monday 8th 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 as he becomes an Authorised Lay Minister of the Word. (ALMoW) - all welcome

**Tuesday 30th September Rev** Kathryn Bagnall is licensed as Archdeacon of our Archdeaconry at Sunderland Minster

**Sunday 5th October** Rev Danie is installed as a non residential Canon of Durham Cathedral at Evensong 3.30pm - all welcome

## **Upcoming PCC Meetings**

St Albans 13th October 2025 7pm

St Ninians 9th September 2025 10am

St Johns 29th September 2025 7pm

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**What is happening across our parishes this week?  
Week beginning Sunday 24th August**

Sunday services 24th August	8am BCP at St Johns 9.30am Service at St Johns 10am Service at St Ninians 10.30am Service at St Albans 12pm to 4pm Picnic in Saltwell Park as part of Gateshead Pride - come, bring your picnic and join us. 5.30pm - 6pm Memorabilia display at St Johns for 200 year celebration 6pm - 7pm 200 years Thanksgiving Service at St Johns
Tuesday	9am Morning Prayer at St Albans 10am - 1pm Place of Welcome at St Johns 10.45am-11am Celtic Worship at St Johns 8.45pm Men's Fellowship at Greencroft Club
Wednesday	9am Morning Prayer at St Johns 2pm - 3pm Callendar Court 7pm Meeting at St Albans - For anyone who wishes to be involved in St Albans Christmas fair - If you would like to be involved but can't make the meeting please let Danie or Hazel know.
Thursday	9am Morning Prayer at St Ninians
Friday	Arrive at church camp
Saturday	Church Camp - Welcome to join us from 12 noon onwards including some activities and an all age service around 4pm
Sunday - 31st August	<b>8am NO SERVICE at St Johns</b> 9.30am Service at St Johns <b>10am NO SERVICE at St Ninians</b> 10.30am Service at St Albans



**We are Inclusive Churches - The bread used at St Albans** is always Gluten Free to allow all to share in the bread and wine including those among us who are wheat intolerant or Coeliac. **The children's area at St Albans** has been moved around and made safer to stop anyone coming into contact with the wires from the tech desk. Thanks Elaine and Rosie for sorting this out. It is also a calmer and more organised space for those who require it.

## Prayers you may want to use this week

### Collect

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; 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), Betty Elliott, Karl and Christina Smith, Iris Taylor, John Watts, Jenny Devine, Betty White, Simon Shaw, Lindsey Foster, George Lackenby

#### ***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)

*We have parish WHATSAPP groups for St Johns and St Albans - All are welcome to join either or both of them - they are used mainly for prayer and sharing stories of God at work. Text Danie on 07902477474 to be added*

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