

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

19th October 2025

Thank you to all who joined us at the cathedral and St Ninians last 2 Sundays.



What a joy it was to be installed as a Canon of Durham Cathedral and to have so much love and support on the day. May God continue to bless and guide each one of us as we disciple each other and grow into the disciples Jesus calls us to be

On Sunday evening we were licensed, commissioned and set off on our mission in St Ninians. Another wonderful celebration and we look forward to exploring the way forwards here.

Welcome to John Hinton who will join us as a curate in June 2026.



I'm John, I had an unexpectedly profound trip to Wales as a teenager, where I made a decision to try and follow Jesus and met a beautiful girl called Susan who is now my wife. We have 2 grown up children and four lively

grandkids. I'm also keeper of Elvis the wonder dog. I've been blessed with a colourful career path including being a bullet proof glass inspector, worked onboard oil tankers and supporting fair trade producers with Traidcraft. As a family we moved to Tanzania to as part of a church plant – this was extremely challenging but we did eventually made it home alive. These days I work for a Christian charity called Handcrafted which does incredible work supporting people who face social exclusion and multiple disadvantages. From about the age of 20 I felt God might be asking me to train for ministry, I successfully avoided responding to this, for best part of 35 years before first exploring and then training for ordination at Lindisfarne College of Theology. I'm really looking forward to serving my curacy with you all, you may discover whether my reputation for telling the worst jokes in Gateshead is justified.

Future Dates

- **31st October 5pm - 7pm All Hallows Eve** at St Johns and St Albans - volunteers to serve Hot chocolate and give out sweets and donations of both welcomed.
 - **2nd November All Souls Services** - 4pm St Johns, 6pm St Albans - Names can be added to the lists from next Sunday
 - **Prayer walks and evenings at St Ninians 6pm - 12th November 30th November and 14th December** - More details to follow.
 - **St Johns PCC** 10th November 2025
 - **Christmas Fair St Albans** 15th November
 - **29th November Christmas Beetle Drive** at St Albans time TBC
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St Johns are looking for people to help with the Place of Welcome on a Tuesday morning - committing to one Tuesday a month would help us - serving people soup, tea and coffee and being the welcome face. Talk to Rev Danie or Rev John or a churchwarden if interested.

What is happening across our parishes this week?

Week beginning Sunday 19th October

Sunday - 19th October	8am BCP Service at St Johns 9.30am Service at St Johns 10am Service at St Ninians 10.30am Harvest Service at St Albans followed by shared lunch
Monday	7am Morning Prayer at St Johns 10am -12pm Cafe at St Albans 1pm – 3.30pm Arts & Crafts at St Albans 4pm Evening Prayer at St Albans
Tuesday	9am Morning Prayer at St Johns 10am St Ninians PCC 10am - 1pm Place of Welcome at St Johns 2pm Hawkesbury House Communion Service 8.45pm Men's Fellowship at Greencroft Club
Wednesday	9am Morning Prayer at St Albans 7pm Teaching on How to use Google Drive for those who use it in church - At Yvonne Stonebanks House
Thursday	9am Morning Prayer at St Ninians
Saturday	12.00pm Baptism at St Johns - Danie
Sunday - 19th October	8am BCP Service at St Johns 9.30am Service at St Johns 10am Service at St Ninians 10.30am Service 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.

St Albans would like some volunteers for help with the distribution of communion on a Sunday. If you would like to know



more talk to one of the Churchwardens.

Prayers you may want to use this week

Collect

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given 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), Jenny Devine, Betty Elliott, Paul Fawcus (age 1), Lindsay Forster, Joseph Gallagher, Simon Shaw, John Watts, Betty White, Laura Wicks

Our clergy team is:

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

Our churchwardens are:

St Albans Lynn Coulson and Rob Watts
St Johns: Catherine Mayes and Yvonne Stonebank
St Ninians: Linda Smith

Our Parish Safeguarding officers are

St Albans and St Ninians: Lynn Coulson and **St Johns:** Catherine Mayes
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