

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

26th October 2025

Our Bereavement Service – All Souls’ Service 2nd November 2025

Each year at All Souls we gather for a special service of remembrance. It is a gentle and reflective time when we pause to remember those who have died – members of our families, our friends, and others whose lives have touched ours. During the service we hear words of comfort and hope, light candles in memory of loved ones, and bring our sadness and gratitude before God.

For many, this service offers a space to grieve and to give thanks in equal measure. It reminds us that it is good and healthy to remember, and that we do not walk through loss alone. In the quietness of shared prayer and music, we find that our memories can become blessings, and that God’s promise of eternal life brings comfort and peace.

Whether your loss is recent or from long ago, you are warmly invited to come. Simply being together—listening, praying, remembering—helps us feel surrounded by a community that cares. All Souls reminds us that love never ends, and that God’s light continues to shine, even through our sorrow.

Come and remember. Come and find peace. 4pm St Johns, 6pm St Albans

Future Dates

1. **Prayer walks and evenings at St Ninians 6pm 29th October, 12th November 30th November and 14th December** - More details overleaf
2. **St Johns PCC** 10th November 2025
3. **Christmas Fair St Albans** 15th November - For the tombola this year we are requesting donations of chocolate and/or sweets. Thank you.
4. **29th November** Christmas Beetle Drive at St Albans time TBC

Prayer Walks and Services – Walking in Faith and Hope through St Ninian's Parish

Our Prayer Walk and Services invite us to step out together in faith, praying for our community, the world, and one another. As we walk through the parish of St Ninians, we will pause to pray at key points, reflecting each time one of the the four priorities that shape the life and mission of the Diocese of Durham.

Our first one begins by praying for **growing Christian communities**, asking God to deepen our discipleship and strengthen the witness of local churches. We will begin at St Ninians, walk to St Annes Catholic Church and walk through some of the parish back to St Ninians incorporating Craigielea where we hold a regular service. This walk is 2 miles and will take 40 minutes.

The second one will focus on **children, young people, and families**, giving thanks for their energy and creativity, and seeking God's blessing on our schools and youth work.

The third one will lead us to places where we can appreciate the beauty of creation, reminding us of our call to **care for God's world** and to live more sustainably. Finally, the last one will focus on those affected by hardship and inequality, committing ourselves to **challenge poverty and injustice** with compassion and courage.

Each walk concludes with a short service of thanksgiving and listening to God — a reminder that every step we take in prayer helps to build God's kingdom here and now.



We are working in partnership with Gateshead Family Hub to open a **new toddler group** on Monday afternoons 1pm - 2,30pm. If you know anyone who could help please ask them to be in touch with Danie

What is happening across our parishes this week?
Week beginning Sunday 26th October

Sunday - 26th October	8am BCP Service at St Johns 9.30am Service at St Johns 10am Service at St Ninians 10.30am Service with Baptism at St Albans
Monday	7am Morning Prayer at St Johns 1pm – 3.30pm Arts & Crafts at St Albans 4pm Evening Prayer at St Albans
Tuesday	9am Morning Prayer at St Johns 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 Albans 2pm - 3pm Callendar Court Service 6.00pm - 7.00pm Prayer Walk and service St Ninians - Harlow Green - meet at 5.45pm at St Ninians church Harlow Green to walk or at church at 6.30pm
Thursday	9am Morning Prayer at St Ninians
Friday	5pm - 7pm All Hallows Eve at St Johns and St Albans - volunteers to serve Hot chocolate and give out sweets donations of both welcomed.
Saturday	8.30am-9.30am - Men's breakfast at St Ninians 12pm - Baptism - St Johns
Sunday - 2nd November	8am BCP Service at St Johns 9.30am Service at St Johns 10am Service at St Ninians 10.30am Service at St Albans 4pm All Souls Service at St Johns 6pm All Souls Service at St Albans



We are Inclusive Churches which celebrate and affirm every person and do not discriminate.

Prayers you may want to use this week

Collect

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of 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

Please note - The prayer list will be renewed next week - please email each church or send Hazel a message via WhatsApp to advise of names to be added or to remain to list.

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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