

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

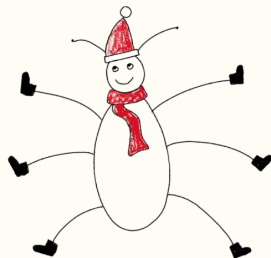
23rd November 2025

## Christmas Beetle Drive!

5pm - 6:30pm

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov  
St. Alban's Church

Fun and games  
for all the family, and a  
bring & share supper.



Come and join us!\*

## Advent Discussion Group

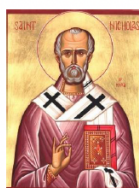
### From St Nicholas to Stormzy!

*exploring contemporary issues of faith through the  
lives of saints long dead and very much alive today*

Week 1 – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025

**'Who is Jesus' and the real message of Christmas**

*explored through the life of St Nicholas, Bishop of Myra,  
and the testimony of a refugee child*



## Christmas Beetle Drive

On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov. we're having a good old-fashioned Beetle Drive, and you're all invited. Come along to St. Alban's Church at 5pm for an evening of fun for all the family, a shared meal, and lots of laughter. Come and join us, and let's start the Christmas season together!

## Advent Discussion Group

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent, and we're running an Advent Discussion Group. All are welcome, and no preparation is needed - just come ready to join in. The first session is 7-8pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> December, at Rev. John's house at 62 Earls Drive. Just let him know if you're coming so he can make sure there are enough chairs & biscuits!

## Upcoming Dates for your Diary

**Monday 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd December: Advent Discussion Group**

**Sunday 7th December: Messy Church Christmas, 3-5pm**

**Saturday 13th December: Christmas Coffee Morning at St Johns, 10am-1pm**

**- with a raffle, tombola, Christmas Gift Stall, tea, coffee, and cake!**

**Sunday 14th December: Prayer walk to St. Ninians, 5.45pm**

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## **Christmas and schools**

As you know, we have built up a wonderful relationship with our seven schools (!) and one of the highlights of Christmas is sharing it with them in church... but we can only do this with your help. Thanks to all who've already volunteered to help out on various dates - and below are the dates and churches where we still need volunteers. If you can help, or you want to know more, please speak to John or Elaine. Thank you!

| <u>Date and Time</u>             | <u>Church</u> | <u>Activity</u>            | <u>Number of adults still needed</u> |
|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 2nd December<br>1.15pm - 2.30pm  | St Albans     | Falla Park Christingles    | 1 adult                              |
| 3rd December<br>9.30am - 10.40am | St Johns      | Larkspur Christingles      | 1 adult                              |
| 5th December<br>9.15am - 11.15am | St Johns      | Glynwood Christingles      | 2 adults                             |
| 8th December<br>9.15-11am        | St Ninians    | Cedars Christingles        | 2 adults                             |
| 17th December<br>1.15pm - 2.30pm | St Johns      | Glynwood carol service     | 1 adult                              |
| 17th December<br>1.15pm - 2.30pm | St Ninians    | Harlow Green carol service | 1 adult                              |
| 18th December<br>1.15pm - 2.30pm | St Johns      | Glynwood carol service     | 1 adult                              |



And thank you all for your donations: we raised £57.92  
for the Poppy Appeal from St Albans this year!

**What is happening across our parishes this week?**  
**Week beginning Sunday 23rd November**

|                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| Sunday -<br>23rd November | 8am BCP Service at St Johns<br>9.30am Service at St Johns<br>10am Service at St Ninians<br>10.30am Service at St Albans                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Monday                    | 7am Morning Prayer at St Johns<br>1pm - 2.30pm Toddler Group at St Albans Church Hall<br>1pm – 3.30pm Arts & Crafts at St Albans<br>4pm Evening Prayer at St Albans                                                                                                                            |
| Tuesday                   | 9am Morning Prayer at St Johns<br>10am - 1pm Place of Welcome at St Johns<br>10.45am - 11am - Celtic Worship at St Johns<br>8.45pm Men's Fellowship at Greencroft Club                                                                                                                         |
| Wednesday                 | 9am Morning Prayer at St Albans<br>2pm - 3pm Callendar Court Service                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Thursday                  | 9am Morning Prayer at St Ninians                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Saturday                  | 5pm - 6:30pm Christmas Beetle Drive at St. Alban's                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Sunday -<br>30th November | 8am BCP Service at St Johns<br>9.30am Service at St Johns<br>10am Service at St Ninians<br>10.30am Service at St Albans<br>5.45pm Prayer Walk to St Ninians: meet at NE9 6TA, on the corner of Easdale Gardens and Beacon Lough Road, to walk to St. Ninian's and close with prayer at 6:45pm. |



**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**

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King  
and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end;  
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. 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, Jenny Devine, Betty Elliott, Lindsay Forster, Simon Shaw, Karl  
& Christina Smith, John Watts, Betty White

#### **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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