

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

16th November 2025

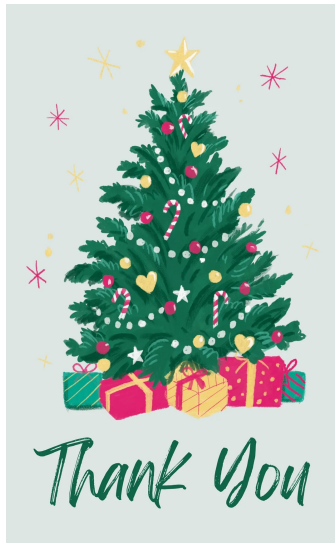
Christmas and schools

As you know we have built up a wonderful relationship with our schools and one of the highlights of Christmas is sharing it with them in church. We can only do this with your help so overleaf are the dates and churches where we need help. If you can help please let Danie, John or Elaine know. Thanks.

<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Number of adults still needed</u>
2nd December 9.15am - 11.30am	St Albans	Carr Hill KS 1 Christingles	1 adult
2nd December 1.15pm - 2.30pm	St Albans	Falla Park Christingles	2 adults
3rd December 9.30am - 10.40am	St Johns	Larkspur Christingles	2 adults
4th December 1.15pm - 2.45pm	St Albans	Windy Nook Y3/4 Christingles	Thanks we have enough adults
5th December 9.15am - 11.15am	St Johns	Glynwood Christingles	2 adults
8th December 9.15-11am	St Ninians	Cedars Christingles	2 adults
9th December 1.15pm - 2.15pm	St Albans	Carr Hill Y3/4 Carol service	Thanks we have enough adults
15th December 1.15pm - 2.45pm	St Albans	Practice for Windy Nook	1 adult with a key
16th December 9.15am - 11am	St Albans	Windy Nook Carol Service	1 adult
16th December 1.15pm - 2.30pm	St Albans	Falla Park Carol Service	Thanks we have enough adults
16th December 4pm	St Johns	Gateshead Music service Service	1 adult with a key
17th December 9.30am - 11am	St Albans	Carr Hill Y5/6 Carol Service	1 adult

17th December 1.15pm - 2.30pm	St Johns	Glynwood carol service	2 adults
17th December 1.15pm - 2.30pm	St Ninians	Harlow Green carol service	2 adults
18th December 1.15pm - 2.30pm	St Johns	Glynwood carol service	2 adults

Christmas Fair 15th November 2025



I would just like to express my gratitude and thanks to all who helped in some shape or form with the fair held at St Albans Church Hall yesterday. Whether you were in the kitchen - baking cakes - donating items to the raffle/ tombola - selling raffle tickets - helping on stalls - the list is endless and at the top of the list is turning up to support this event.

I would like to add a special thank you to the local school children who came and added to this event with their singing.

I haven't got the details of the amount raised yet but once we have added up the pounds and the pennies - I will let you know.
Hazel

You may remember that last year we were part of the fundraising gingerbread street which was held at the Biscuit Factory and raised a lot of money for Oasis.

We have been invited to take part again this year and we're planning to celebrate our wonderful churchyard as well as creating representations of all the things we do as a church. We're planning a "come and create day" on November 22nd at Lynn's house 10-12 and 2-4 No experience necessary ... it's just like using Playdough! Lynn and Phillip



Upcoming Dates for your Diary

29th November Christmas Beetle Drive at St Albans - 5pm to 6.30pm
Monday evenings 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd December - Advent course - 7pm to 8pm Venue TBC
Prayer walks and evenings at St Ninians 5.45pm 30th November and 14th December

What is happening across our parishes this week?
Week beginning Sunday 16th November

Sunday - 16th November	8am BCP Service at St Johns 9.30am Service at St Johns 10am Service at St Ninians 10.30am Service at St Albans 11.30am Shared Lunch at St Albans
Monday	7am Morning Prayer at St Johns 1pm - 2.30pm Toddler Group at St Albans Church Hall 4pm Evening Prayer at St Albans 7pm - 8pm Worship Gathering at St Albans
Tuesday	9am Morning Prayer at St Johns 10am - 1pm Place of Welcome at St Johns 2pm - 3pm Hawkesbury House 8.45pm Men's Fellowship at Greencroft Club
Wednesday	9am Morning Prayer at St Albans
Thursday	9am Morning Prayer at St Ninians 3pm 5pm - Advent Windows with Harlow Green Primary.
Sunday - 23rd November	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.

Prayers you may want to use this week

Collect

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in 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, 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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