

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

30th November 2025

Advent Discussion Group

All are welcome, and no preparation is needed - just come ready to join in. The first session is 7 - 8pm on Monday 1st December at Rev. John's house, 62 Earls Drive, NE9 6AA. Just let him know if you're coming so he can make sure there are enough chairs & biscuits!

Advent Discussion Group

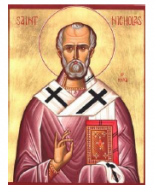
From to St Nicholas to Stormzy!

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

Week 1 – Monday 1st 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



7th December - Messy Church - We like to provide festive treats and would be very grateful for donations of sweet mince pies for adults and small biscuits or cakes for the children



Come along to St John's Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday 13th December between 10am and 1pm and enjoy fellowship over tea, coffee and cakes with opportunities to take part in our Christmas Raffle, try your hand on the Tombola or grab some bargains from our Christmas Gift Stall.



Upcoming Dates for your Diary

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

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

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 Danie, 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 1.15pm - 2.30pm	St Albans	Falla Park Christingles	1 adult
3rd December 9.30am - 10.40am	St Johns	Larkspur Christingles	1 adult
5th December 9.15am - 11.15am	St Johns	Glynwood Christingles	1 adults
8th December 9.15-11am	St Ninians	Cedars Christingles	2 adults
17th December 1.15pm - 2.30pm	St Johns	Glynwood carol service	1 adult
17th December 1.15pm - 2.30pm	St Ninians	Harlow Green carol service	1 adult
18th December 1.15pm - 2.30pm	St Johns	Glynwood carol service	1 adult

What is happening across our parishes this week?

Week beginning Sunday 30th November

Sunday - 30th November	8am BCP Service at St Johns 9.30am Service at St Johns 10am Service at St Ninians 10.30am Service at St Albans 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.
Monday	7am Morning Prayer at St Johns 10am - 12pm Cafe at St Albans 1pm - 2.30pm Toddler Group at St Albans Church Hall 1pm – 3.30pm Arts & Crafts at St Albans 4pm Evening Prayer at St Albans 7pm - 8pm Advent Course at 62 Earls Drive, NE9 6AA
Tuesday	9am Morning Prayer at St Johns 9.30am - 11.30am Carr Hill Christingles 10am - 1pm Place of Welcome at St Johns 1pm - 2.45pm Falla Park Y1 Christingles at St Albans 8.45pm Men's Fellowship at Greencroft Club
Wednesday	9am Morning Prayer at St Albans 9.30am - 10.45am Larkspur KS1 Christingle at St Johns
Thursday	9am Morning Prayer at St Ninians 9am - 10.30am Glynwood Advent Assemblies
Friday	9.15am - 11.15am Glynwood Christingles at St Johns
Saturday	8.30 - 9.30 Men's Breakfast at St Ninians - includes a Scalextric competition!!
Sunday - 7th December	8am BCP Service at St Johns 9.30am Service at St Johns 10am Service at St Ninians 10.30am Service at St Albans 3pm - 5pm Messy Church 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

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. 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.

For those who are mourning the death of loved ones, especially praying for the family & friends of Betty White.

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 on the 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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