

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

2nd November 2025

Thank you to all who helped with the All Hallows Eve sharing of hot chocolate and sweets - as always it was a great time to meet with local families and be a part of all that is happening.



Sharing Hot Chocolate and sweets outside St Johns and St Albans

Today we celebrate **All Saints Day - Ephesians 1.11–23 & Luke 6.20–31**

All Saints' celebrates the great company of faithful people—past and present—who reflect God's light in the world. Paul reminds us in Ephesians that we share a glorious inheritance as God's people, joined together in Christ who rules over all things. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus turns our ideas of success upside down: *Blessed are the poor, the hungry, the sorrowful*, he says, because God's kingdom belongs to them. All Saints' invites us to live as people of that kingdom—marked not by power or wealth, but by compassion, mercy, and love. We remember those who have shown us what holiness looks like in everyday life, and we give thanks that we too are called to be saints.

Some things to ponder

- How do Jesus' blessings for the poor and the hungry in *Luke 6* challenge our ideas of success?
 - Who has been a "saint" in your life—someone whose faith and love have drawn you closer to God?
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Future Dates

1. **Prayer walks and evenings at St Ninians 5.45pm 12th November 30th November and 14th December**
 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 - Shared Supper - time TBC
 5. Dates for Christmas Services and events to follow
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Inclusive Church has invited those who disagree with the House of Bishops on their stance on Same sex Blessings are invited to sign this open letter.

It calls for courage and love in speaking up for LGBTQ+ inclusion within the Church of England. It challenges silence and repression, affirming that many clergy and lay people now seek a Church where all are fully welcomed and celebrated.

The signatories express unity through honesty and grace, declaring that love should guide the Church even amid disagreement. By inviting others to sign and share, the letter becomes a hopeful act of faith—trusting that through openness, generosity, and the Spirit’s work, the Church will grow closer to God’s heart and truly reflect His inclusive love.

<https://www.inclusive-church.org/llf-open-letter/>

What is happening across our parishes this week?
Week beginning Sunday 2nd November

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
Monday	7am Morning Prayer at St Johns 1pm – 3.30pm Arts & Crafts at St Albans 4pm Evening Prayer at St Albans 7pm St Johns Standing Committee
Tuesday	9am Morning Prayer at St Johns 10am - 1pm Place of Welcome at St Johns 8.45pm Men's Fellowship at Greencroft Club
Wednesday	9am Morning Prayer at St Albans
Thursday	9am Morning Prayer at St Ninians Danie and Elaine on a Poverty Summit all day
Saturday	Diocesan Synod for those involved
Sunday - 9th November	8am BCP Service at St Johns 9.30am Service at St Johns with an Act of Remembrance 10am Service at St Ninians with an Act of Remembrance 10.30am Service at St Albans with an Act of Remembrance

Prayers you may want to use this week

Collect

God of glory, touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit, that we with all creation may rejoice to sing your praise; 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

Alan and Barbara Bradley, 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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