

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

7th December 2025

Advent Discussion Group

All are welcome, and no preparation is needed - just come ready to join in. The second session 7 - 8pm on Monday 8th December at The Vicarage, Coldwell Park Drive, NE10 9BY



Week 2 – Hope, longing and persistence in faith explored through the life of Leah Sharibu, one of the Nigerian schoolgirls kidnapped by Boko Haram



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

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

Monday 15th December: 10am to 12pm - Cafe at St Albans with Christmas Raffle

Monday 15th and 22nd December: Advent Discussion Group

Thursday 18th December: 9.30am to 11am - Coffee at St Ninians

Thursday 18th December : 8pm to 10pm - Carols at The Mallard



Sunday 21st December - Carols by Candlelight at St Johns
We like to provide festive treats after this service
and would be very grateful for donations of sweet mince pies

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>
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 7th December

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
Monday	7am Morning Prayer at St Johns 9.30am -11.30am Cedars Christingle at St Ninians 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 The Vicarage Coldwell Park Drive NE10 9BY all welcome
Tuesday	9am Morning Prayer at St Johns 10am - 1pm Place of Welcome at St Johns with crafts 10am - 11.30am 1.15pm - 2.30 pm Carr Hill Year 3 / 4 at St Albans 6pm Men's Fellowship Christmas night out at Cafe Darkhane
Wednesday	9am Morning Prayer at St Albans 1.30pm - 2.30pm Callendar Court Carols with Larkspur Primary
Thursday	9am Morning Prayer at St Ninians 10.45am - 11.30am Craiglea Christmas Carols
Friday	2pm - 3pm Hawksbury House Carol Service
Saturday	10am - 12pm Christmas Coffee Morning at St Johns
Sunday - 14th December	8am BCP Service at St Johns 9.30am Service at St Johns 10am Service at St Ninians 10.30am Service at St Albans 5pm - Prayer Walk around the boundary of St Ninians Parish. If you wish to join us for the whole thing, meet at St Ninians or meet us at 5.45pm at the corner of Waverley Road and Easdale Road.



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, Peter Russell, Simon Shaw, Karl & Christina Smith, John Watts.

For those who are mourning the death of loved ones, especially praying for the family & friends of Margy (Margaret) McGough

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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