

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

21st & 28th December 2025

Advent Discussion Group



Throughout our Advent Discussion Group we've been enjoying looking at our faith again through the lives of saints old & new! In our final session we'll be looking at Christianity in contemporary culture through the life of Stormzy, the rapper. Everyone is welcome for our final session, whether or not you've come before. No preparation is needed - just come ready to chat and share fellowship together. We're meeting 7-8pm on Monday 22nd at 63 Earls Drive.

Christmas and schools



Thank you for all your help with our school services! We have welcomed over 800 people into our churches over the last few weeks for Christingles, Carol Services and more.. Thank you to all who have helped. It's a joy to know that our community wants to celebrate Christmas with us in church!



Carols by Candlelight

Come and join us on 21st December - 6pm at St Johns - for carols by candlelight with the Low Fell singers, followed by Mince Pies! All are welcome.

Christingle Making

We will make Christingles for St Johns at Place of Welcome on Tuesday 23rd Dec., 10am - 1pm.

We will make Christingles for St Albans at 2.30pm on Tuesday 23rd December in the church.
All help is gratefully received!



**Come and celebrate
Christmas with us!**



24 Dec. @ 4pm

Christingle Service at St. Johns

24 Dec. @ 5pm

Crib Service at St. Ninians

24 Dec. @ 6pm

Christingle Service at St. Albans

24 Dec. @ 11pm

Midnight Mass at St. Albans

25 Dec. @ 9am

Christmas Day at St. Johns

25 Dec. @ 10am

Christmas Day at St. Ninians

25 Dec. @ 10:30am

Christmas Day at St. Albans

What is happening across our parishes for the Weeks beginning Sunday 21st & 28th December

Sunday - 21st December	8am: BCP Service at St Johns 9.30am: Service at St Johns 10am: Service at St Ninians 10.30am: Cafe Carol Service at St Albans 6-7pm: Carols by Candlelight at St Johns with Low Fell Singers
Monday	7am: Morning Prayer at St Johns 4pm: Evening Prayer at St Albans 7-8pm: Advent Course at 63 Earls Drive
Tuesday	9am: Morning Prayer at St Johns 10am-1pm: Place of Welcome at St Johns, with Christingle-making 2.30pm: Christingle making at St Albans 8.45pm: Mens Fellowship at Greencroft Club
Wednesday Christmas eve	4pm: Christingle at St Johns 4pm: Advent Window Trail, starting at Harlow Green Primary School 5pm: Crib Service at St. Ninian's 6pm: Christingle at St Albans 11pm: Midnight Mass at St Albans
Thursday Christmas day	9am: Christmas Day Service at St Johns 10am: Christmas Day Service at St Ninians 10.30: Christmas Day Service at St Albans
Sunday - 28th December	No 8am BCP 9.30am: Service at St Johns No 10am service at St. Ninian's 10.30am: Service St Albans
Sunday 4th January	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 - 21st December

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect - 25th December

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God. **Amen**

Collect- 28th December

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord 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, John Goodenough, Geoff & Jean Lummas, Peter Russell, Simon Shaw, Karl & Christina Smith, John Watts.

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)

Rev John and Rev Elaine are away from 25th to 4th January

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