

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



14th December 2025

Advent Discussion Group Monuments, statues and modern slavery explored through the life of Charlie Freer Andrews, a friend and associate of Ghandi

All are welcome, and no preparation is needed - just come ready to join in. The third session is 7 - 8pm on Monday 15th December at Rev. John's house, 62 Earls Drive, NE9 6AA.

Join us at 9.30am on Thursday at St Ninians for our monthly coffee morning.

We will be making Advent Windows to distribute in the Harlow Green Parish and planning our big advent window for church - to be revealed on Christmas Eve.

Come along and make one with us.



Sunday 21st December - Cafe Carol Service at St Albans at 10.30am and Carols by Candlelight at St Johns 6pm

We like to provide festive treats for these services service and would be very grateful for donations of sweet mince pies and shortbread.

Come and celebrate Christmas with us!



7 Dec. @ 3pm Messy Christmas at St. Albans

18 Dec. @ 7pm Pub Carols at The Mallard!

21 Dec. @ 10:30am Cafe Carols at St. Albans

21 Dec. @ 6pm Carols by Candlelight at St. Johns
with the Low Fell Singers

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 this week?
Week beginning Sunday 14th December

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.
Monday	7am Morning Prayer at St Johns 10am - 12pm: Cafe at St Albans with Christmas Raffle 1pm - 2.30pm Toddler Group at St Albans Church Hall 1.30pm - 3pm Windy Nook Practice in St Albans 4pm Evening Prayer at St Albans 6pm - 7pm Worship Group at St Albans 7pm - 8pm Advent Course at 62 Earls Drive, NE9 6AA
Tuesday	9am Morning Prayer at St Johns 9am - 11.15am Windy Nook KS2 at St Albans 10am - 1pm Place of Welcome at St Johns with Glynwood Practice and singing 5pm - 6pm GSMS concert at St Johns 8.45pm - 10.15pm Mens Fellowship at Greencroft Club
Wednesday	9am Morning Prayer at St Albans 9.30am - 11am Carr Hill Yr 5 & 6 at St Albans 1pm - 2.30pm Harlow Green Choir at St Ninians 1.30pm - 2.30pm Glynwood Nativity at St Johns
Thursday	9am Morning Prayer at St Ninians 9.30am - 11am Coffee at St Ninians 1.30pm - 2.30pm Glynwood Nativity at St Johns 7pm - 9pm Carols at The Mallard, Sunderland Road
Sunday - 21st December	8am BCP Service at St Johns 9.30am Service at St Johns 10am Service at St Ninians 10.30am Cafe Carols at St Albans 11.30am - 12.30am Shared Lunch at St Albans 6pm - 7pm Carols by Candlelight at St Johns with Low Fell Singers with refreshments afterwards

Prayers you may want to use this week

Collect

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with 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, Elsie Hinds, Geoff & Jean Lummas, Peter Russell, Simon Shaw, Karl & Christina Smith, John Watts and Baby Paul.

Mourning

We remember those who are mourning especially the family and friends of Janet Currie

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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