

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

25th January 2026



Church family Monday to Sunday

We are churches that do more than just meet on a Sunday morning - we are a family who enjoy spending time together. Throughout the month there is a variety of activities for all age groups across our parishes:

Wednesday:

Callandar Court: Held once a month from 2pm to 3pm

Ken's Reflection: Listen to Ken's reflection or watch him on Facebook or the Whats App every Wednesday morning - we have people tune in from Australia and New Zealand as well as locally and nationally.

Church Luncheon: We gather once a month to enjoy each other's company and share a relaxed lunch together with people from all the churches. Previous venues have been The Stone Trough and The Wagon. It's a welcoming time to connect, catch up, and strengthen the bond between our churches.

Thursday:

Coffee Morning: Held once a month from 9.30am to 11am at St Ninians - with coffee, cake and chat - the next event to be held is on 26th February - check the News and diary sheet for future dates.

Saturday:

Men's Breakfast: Held the first Saturday of each month - enjoy an hour of fellowship and fun centred around a hearty breakfast - stotties filled with bacon, sausage and egg followed by toast and home made marmalade washed down with limitless tea and coffee!

Sunday :

Youth Group: Held the second Sunday of each month at St Albans Centre from 5pm to 6.15pm for young people aged from year 6 and above. A space to meet friends with questions about God, play games with a drink and a snack.

Shared Lunch: Held at St Albans the third Sunday of each month from about 11.45 to 12.30. Enjoy sharing food and conversation with others

St Ninians Feast: Held at St Ninians the first Sunday of each month from 4.30pm to 6pm.

Keep looking at the newsletter for more information about the other things that we do - to follow,

Why not come along and give oneor even two of the activities a go?

If you see something that is missing that you think would bring us together as a church and a family with fellowship and love, why not mention it and we will see what we can do.

Keep in contact via our WhatsApp groups, message any of the clergy to be added



Could you help us? We are looking for a new treasurer to support our work at St Albans. You would need to be able to use excel or a similar program and be willing to share reports or send a report to meetings every 2 months as well as prepare end of year accounts. This is not a huge task once it is set up and we have banking sorted. We are in the process of getting new signatories which is taking more time than it should! Please talk to Danie, Lynn or Rob if you can help.

Join us at St Ninians for a sharing of food, faith and life at our monthly Feast building a new community - for all who want to know more about Jesus - all who are curious and all who want to share. Or join us any Sunday at 4.30pm in church to EXPLORE faith with us.

All are invited and please do invite others.

Let us know if you are coming to the Feast by messaging 07902477474 or email stninianshg@gmail.com



What is happening across our parishes for the Week beginning Sunday 25th January

Sunday 25th January 2026	8am: BCP Service at St Johns 9.30am: NO SERVICE please join us at Sheriff Hill Methodist Church at 10.30am 10am: Service at St Ninians 10.30am: Service at St Albans
Monday	7am: Morning Prayer at St Johns 1pm - 2.30pm: Toddler Group at St Albans Hall 1pm - 3.30pm: Arts & Crafts at St Albans 4pm: Evening Prayer at St Albans
Tuesday	9am: Morning Prayer at St Johns 10am-1pm: Place of Welcome at St Johns 10.45am-11am: Celtic Worship at St Johns 8.45pm: Mens Fellowship at Greencroft Club
Wednesday	9am Morning Prayer at St Albans 2pm-3pm: Callendar Court Service
Thursday	9am Morning Prayer at St Ninians
Sunday 1st February 2026	8am: BCP Service at St Johns 9.30am: Service at St Johns 10am: Service at St Ninians 10.30am: Service at St Albans 4.30pm - 6pm: Feast at St Ninians

Upcoming dates

Saturday 7th February - Mens breakfast

Saturday 7th February - Marmalade Saturday

Sunday 8th February - Youth Group at St Albans Centre



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 - 25th January

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in 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, Robbie Collins, Jenny Devine, Betty Elliott, Lindsay Forster, John Goodenough, Chloe Sproates, Geoff & Jean Lummas, Peter Russell, Simon Shaw, Karl & Christina Smith, Laura Wick, John Watts.

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)

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