

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

11th January 2026

Men's Breakfast

We have been meeting together on the first Saturday of the month for just over a year now for 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!

We usually have a speaker or a topic for discussion and those who come along have shared something of their diverse hobbies and interests ranging from photography to fish whispering to World of Warcraft!

We have also been updated on the work of the Peoples Kitchen and had the myths of electric vehicles well and truly busted. John Hinton spoke passionately about his experience as a missionary in Tanzania, and William Pine kicked us off talking about football and faith in Felling.

We ended the year with a glance back to childhood and Christmases past with our 2025 Scalextric Grand Prix won by John Hasell in a fast and furious final race - the 2026 Grand Prix is already booked for Saturday 6th December! So why not come along and join the fun and bring your friends with you - everyone is welcome (as long as you're a man!!).



Oasis Gateshead is our local homeless Drop-In.

Those who come can get a hot drink, a shower and use of the washing machines to dry their clothes. If we have them available we will also offer a Pot Noodle. It's something warming and filling which will keep them going.

You can help by bringing a Pot Noodle to St Alban's on the third Sunday of each month. As we sit down to our shared lunch we will also be sharing with others.



Every Sunday at church we break bread together however, for the first Christians the breaking of bread was so much more than symbolic, it was a way of life, they ate and prayed together constantly.

So as a church how often do we eat together? That is why for sometime now we have had the idea of sharing lunch together once a month.



Why not join us?

If you are joining us from St Johns or St Ninians (and we hope you are) then come down at around 11.40am and be a part of this.

So please bring some food or not (there is usually more than enough) and let us share a meal together on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

The first of 2026 for this year is on 18th January, please come along, all are welcome.



Why not come along and have a go?

There will be tea, cake and a welcome smile. You may find you have a hidden talent.

**What is happening across our parishes for the
Week beginning Sunday 11th January**

Sunday 11th January	8am: BCP Service at St Johns 9.30am: Service at St Johns 10am: Service at St Ninians 10.30am: Service at St Albans 12.30am: Baptism at St Albans 5pm - 6.15pm Youth Group at St Albans Centre
Monday	7am: Morning Prayer at St Johns 10am-12pm: Cafe at St Albans 1pm - 2.30pm: Toddler Group at St Albans Centre 1pm - 3.30pm: Arts & Crafts at St Albans 4pm: Evening Prayer at St Albans 7pm - 9pm : St Albans PCC at St Albans
Tuesday	9am: Morning Prayer at St Johns 10am-1pm: Place of Welcome at St Johns - with crafts from 10am - 11.30am 8.45pm: Mens Fellowship at Greencroft Club
Wednesday	9am Morning Prayer at St Albans
Thursday	9am Morning Prayer at St Ninians
Saturday	8.30am: Men's Breakfast at St Ninians 10am - 11.30am: Baptism Preparation at St Albans
Sunday 18th January	8am: BCP Service at St Johns 9.30am: Service at St Johns 10am: Service at St Ninians 10.30am: Cafe Service at St Albans 11.30am Shared Lunch at St Albans

Upcoming dates

Tuesday 20th January - St Ninians PCC
 Thursday 22nd January - Coffee Morning at St Ninians
 Monday 26th January St Johns PCC
 Saturday 7th February - Marmalade Saturday - Come and make
 marmalade, have lunch and watch a family film.



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 - 11th January

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. 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.

For those mourning

Especially the family and friends of Robert Harrison

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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