

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

15th February 2026

## Confirmation Date -

Confirmation is a special church service in which a person confirms the promises that were made when they were baptized and commits their life to following Jesus Christ. At a confirmation service your friends and family as well as those from the others being confirmed around the Deanery of Gateshead will be there to promise to support and pray for you.

As part of the service Bishop Frank will lay his hands on your head and ask God's Holy Spirit to give you the strength and commitment to live God's way for the rest of your life.

This year the confirmation service is on Saturday 9th May in the evening venue TBC. If you would like to be confirmed please speak to Rev Danie or other clergy as soon as possible so we can arrange things.



**Lent Group**  
Come and meet  
six amazing women of God,  
and hear their stories.

Weds. 930am  
at St. Alban's  
18<sup>th</sup> Feb  
25<sup>th</sup> Feb  
4<sup>th</sup> March  
11<sup>th</sup> March  
18<sup>th</sup> March  
25<sup>th</sup> March

Mon. 7pm  
at St. John's  
23<sup>rd</sup> Feb  
2<sup>nd</sup> March  
9<sup>th</sup> March  
16<sup>th</sup> March  
23<sup>rd</sup> March  
30<sup>th</sup> March

All are welcome.

## Lent Course

Join us as either venue as we discover more about women in the bible

- 1. Hagar - the invisible woman, who is seen by God.**
- 2. Shiphrah and Puah - quietly standing up for what's right.**
- 3. Rahab - who fears God, and switches sides.**
- 4. Jael - not so powerless after all.**
- 5. The widow of Zarephath - who shares her last meal.**
- 6. Mary - who chose to trust, even in fear.**

## Benny's Campaign



In our prayers we are holding a little boy called Benny who is 4 years old. He has completed stage 4 high-risk neuroblastoma in March 2025, but he has sadly relapsed.

His family are trying to raise funds to send him to Rome for treatment that is not available in the United Kingdom.

The Cafe at St Albans to be held on 2nd March is hoping to help towards the funds and will be holding a raffle/tombola. Please can you help by donating items towards the raffle/tombola.

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## Church family events throughout the year

### **Messy Church**



It is over ten years since we first started Messy Church as a way to share our Christian faith with families.

We have built a great team of volunteers who willingly turn their hand to arts and crafts, and it wouldn't be a St Albans Messy Church if there wasn't a cake or biscuit to decorate.

At Messy Church we have used stories from the Bible, ranging from Moses and Noah to the parables Jesus told and the Christmas and Easter stories.

While we started in the church hall, we have found that the church and especially the churchyard are a great resource and we will be meeting on Easter Saturday to enjoy crafts and activities and also create an Easter garden (thanks in advance for this Rob!)

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### **Upcoming dates**

**Monday 23rd February** - 7pm Lent Group at St Johns

**Wednesday 25th February** - 9.30am Lent Group at St Albans

**Thursday 26th February** - 9.30am Coffee Morning at St Ninians

**Sunday 1st March** - 4.30pm Feast at St Ninians

**Sunday 8th March** - Youth Group at 'The Pulse' at Durham Cathedral

**Monday 9th March** - 7pm St Albans PCC

**Tuesday 10th March** - 10am St Ninians PCC

**Wednesday 18th March** - 7pm St Johns PCC

## What is happening across our parishes for the Week beginning Sunday 15th February

Sunday 15th February 2026	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 4.30pm - 5.30pm: Explore Worship at St Ninians
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 7pm-8pm: Worship team at St Albans 7pm -8pm: St Johns Standing Committee
Tuesday	9am: Morning Prayer at St Johns 10am-1pm: Place of Welcome at St Johns 2pm - 3pm: Communion Service at Hawkesbury House 8.45pm: Mens Fellowship at Greencroft Club
Wednesday	9am: Morning Prayer at St Albans 9.30am - 10.30am: Lent Course at St Albans 12pm: Ash Wednesday Service at St Ninians 7pm: Ash Wednesday Service at St Johns
Thursday	9am: Morning Prayer at St Ninians
Sunday 22nd 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 - 5.30pm: Explore Prayer at St Ninians



**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 - 15th February 2026

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives:  
set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and  
your glory in 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** Benny Bahmanizad, Connor Buckley, Jenny Devine, Betty Elliott,  
John Goodenough, Simon Shaw, Karl and Christina Smith, Chloe Sproates,  
John Watts.

**For those mourning** - Especially the family and friends of Jean Lumas

### 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 Parish Safeguarding officers are

**St Albans and St Ninians:** Lynn Coulson and

**St Johns:** Catherine Mayes

### Churchwardens

**St Albans** - Lynn Coulson and Rob Watts

**St Johns** - Catherine Mayes and Yvonne Stonebank

**St Ninians** - Linda Smith

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