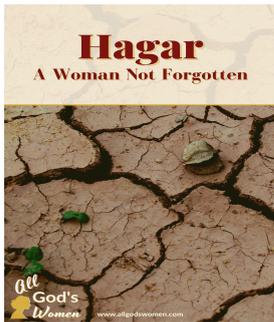


Welcome to our weekly News and Diary from the parishes of Gateshead Fell, Harlow Green and Windy Nook

22nd February 2026

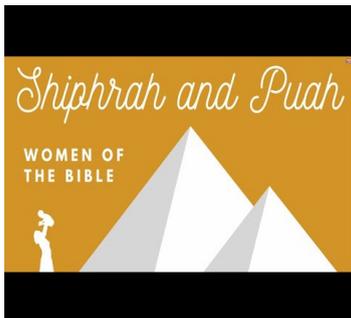
Lent Group



All are welcome, and no preparation is needed - just come ready to join in.

The first evening session is at St Johns on Monday 23rd February at 7pm

1. Hagar - the invisible woman, who is seen by God.



The second day time session is to be held at St Albans on Wednesday 25th February at 9.30am

2. Shiphrah and Puah - quietly standing up for what's right.

Lent Walking Challenge for Oasis Community Housing

Once again this year I am walking for Lent - aiming for 15,000 steps a day and would love people to donate if they are able to.



I am organising some joint walks and the first one is on 28th February at 10.30am. We will walk at the Derwent Walk - one we have done before. If you fancy coming along let me know and we can sort out lifts. We are meeting at the Damhead Car Park, Spa Well Road, Blaydon-on-Tyne NE21 6JA

The walk will be about 3 miles. Rev Danie

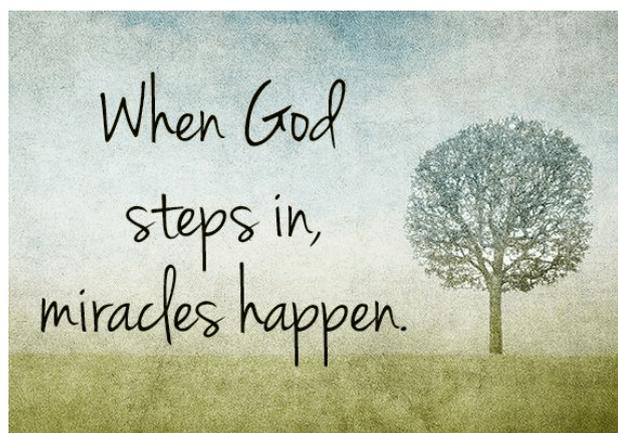
The Feast at St Ninians

Why not join us on Sunday 1st March for the second of our Feasts?

There is good food, great fellowship and a time to connect with new people.

If you are able to come along - let us know so that we can cater for you and your dietary needs. Text 07902477474 with numbers please

We are continuing to learn more about Jesus and his miracles in March.



Church family events throughout the year

Following on from running Messy Church we moved onto running a Summer Holiday Club each year for two or three days which is great fun for children and adults alike and resulted in some memorable creations . Who could forget Noah's Ark built from cardboard boxes or the creation of Durham Cathedral?

The Holiday Club benefits hugely from a grant we have received from the Diocese and now Communities Together Durham which means we can invite "experts." We have enjoyed visits from reptiles and rock pool creatures, a musician who brought African drums and a memorable story teller who brought a real wolf skin!

If you could help this year look out for the dates - we are always looking for more support.

Upcoming dates

Sunday 1st March - 4.30pm Feast at St Ninians

Monday 2nd March 10am - Cafe at St Albans for Benny's Campaign

Saturday 7th March - 8.30am Mens Breakfast 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

Thursday 19th March - 6pm Evening Walk from St Albans Church

Sunday 29th March 2pm Walk

What is happening across our parishes for the Week beginning Sunday 22nd February

Sunday 22nd February 2026	<p>8am: BCP Service at St Johns</p> <p>9.30am: Service at St Johns</p> <p>10am: Service at St Ninians</p> <p>10.30am: Service at St Albans</p> <p>4.30pm - 5.30pm: Explore Prayer at St Ninians</p>
Monday	<p>7am: Morning Prayer at St Johns</p> <p>1pm - 2.30pm: Toddler Group at St Albans Hall</p> <p>1pm - 3.30pm: Arts & Crafts at St Albans</p> <p>4pm: Evening Prayer at St Albans</p> <p>7pm: Lent Group at St Albans (Session 1)</p>
Tuesday	<p>9am: Morning Prayer at St Johns</p> <p>10am-1pm: Place of Welcome at St Johns</p> <p>10.45am: Celtic Worship at St Johns</p> <p>8.45pm: Mens Fellowship at Greencroft Club</p>
Wednesday	<p>9am: Morning Prayer at St Albans</p> <p>9.30am - 10.30am: Lent Group at St Albans (Session 2)</p> <p>2pm: Service at Callendar Court</p>
Thursday	<p>9am: Morning Prayer at St Ninians</p> <p>9.30am - 11am: Coffee morning at St Ninians</p>
Saturday	<p>10.30am Walk at Derwent Country park. Meet at Damhead Car Park Spa Well Road, Blaydon-on-Tyne NE21 6JA</p>
Sunday 1st March 2026	<p>8am: BCP Service at St Johns</p> <p>9.30am: Service at St Johns</p> <p>10am: Service at St Ninians</p> <p>10.30am: Service at St Albans</p> <p>11.30am: Baptism at St Ninians</p> <p>4.30pm - 6pm: Feast at St Ninians</p>



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 - 22nd February 2026

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love 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

For those who mourn, especially the family and friends of Thomas Spraggon whose funeral took place through the ministry of our church this week.

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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