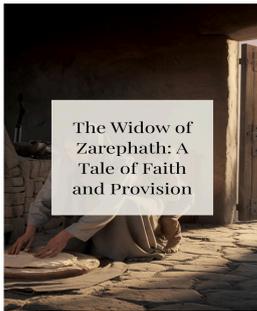


Welcome to our weekly News and Diary from the parishes of Gateshead Fell, Harlow Green and Windy Nook

22nd March 2026

Lent Group

We've been really enjoying our Lent Group studies, and if you've not been to one so far it's not too late! All are welcome, and no preparation is needed - just come ready to join in.



The fifth evening session is to be held on Monday 23rd March at St Johns at 7pm and we will be looking at **The widow of Zarephath - who shares her last meal.**



The sixth morning session is to be held on Wednesday 25th March at St Albans at 9.30am and we will be looking at **Mary - who chose to trust, even in fear.**

Confirmations

Confirmation is an occasion when the Bishop lays hands on and confirms faith in those who are making a choice to follow Jesus as an older child or adult. We are hosting the Deanery confirmations on 9th May at St Ninians. If you would like to talk about confirmation please speak to one of the clergy.

Place of Welcome

Shirley is stepping down from making soup on the rota after many years - we thank her for all she has done and are now looking for others to go onto the rota. We are able to provide funds for ingredients, a pan and some recipes if that helps. It would be about once every 3 or 4 weeks.

Easter Egg Hunt



After our Easter service at St Albans, we'll be holding our traditional Easter Egg Hunt in the church grounds. We would be very grateful for donations of small chocolate eggs so that our young people can continue to enjoy this much-loved tradition. Thank you for your support and generosity as we prepare for this joyful celebration.

Easter Services

Palm Sunday 29th March - Services as normal

Monday 30th March - 7pm Lent Course at St Johns

Tuesday 31st March - 7pm Reflective hour

Wednesday 1st April

7pm Community Meal and service at Windy Nook Methodist Church for all - please give names at back of churches

Thursday 2nd April

9am Maundy Thursday Service at St Ninians

7pm Maundy Thursday Service at St Albans

Good Friday 3rd April

11am - Walk of Witness - Leaving from Lowery Lane Car Park, Low Fell

2pm - Hour at the Cross at St Johns

3pm - Hour at the Cross at St Albans

Saturday 4th April

2pm - Messy Church at St Albans



Easter Sunday 5th April

6.15am Dawn Service on Windy Nook field

9am Easter Service at St Johns

10am Easter Service at St Ninians

10.30am Easter Service at St Albans

4.30pm Easter Feast at St Ninians



Upcoming dates

Monday 30th March - Cafe at St Albans 10am to 12pm

Saturday 4th April - Men's breakfast at St Ninians

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

<p>Sunday 22nd March 2026</p>	<p>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: Explore Prayer at St Ninians</p>
<p>Monday</p>	<p>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: Lent Group at St Johns (Session 5)</p>
<p>Tuesday</p>	<p>9am: Morning Prayer at St Johns 10am - 1pm: Place of Welcome at St Johns 10.45am - 11.00am: Celtic Worship at St Johns 2pm - 3pm: Hawkesbury House Communion Service 7pm: Worship Group at St Albans 8.45pm: Mens Fellowship at Greencroft Club</p>
<p>Wednesday</p>	<p>9am: Morning Prayer at St Albans 9.30am - 10.30am: Lent Group at St Albans (Session 6) 2pm-3pm: Callendar Court Service</p>
<p>Thursday</p>	<p>9am: Morning Prayer at St Ninians 9.30am - 11am: Coffee Morning at St Ninians 1.30pm - 3pm: Falla Park Easter Service at St Albans</p>
<p>Sunday 29th March 2026 - Palm Sunday</p>	<p>8am: BCP Service at St Johns 9.30am: Service at St Johns 10am: Service at St Ninians 10.30am: Service at St Albans 3pm: Walk from St Ninians - finishing with refreshments 4.30pm: 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 March 2026

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal
peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, 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, Andy Kindred

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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