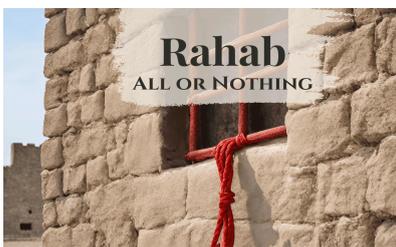


# Welcome to our weekly News and Diary from the parishes of Gateshead Fell, Harlow Green and Windy Nook

8th 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 next evening session is at St Johns on Monday 9th March at 7pm, and we're looking at **Rahab - who fears God, and switches sides.**

The next day-time session is at St Albans on Wednesday 11th March at 9.30am, and we're looking at **Jael - who is not so powerless after all.**



**St John's,  
Church Road**

**Spring Coffee Morning**

**21<sup>st</sup> March 2026  
10am to 12pm**

**Join us for home-made  
cake and coffee!**

**Take part in a raffle and tombola,  
and browse a wonderful  
selection of  
Spring Crafts for sale.**

## Spring Coffee Morning

All are welcome to St. John's Spring Coffee morning on Saturday 21st March.

From 10am to 12 noon there will be cake, coffee, and lots of wonderful crafts for sale, as well as a raffle and a tombola.

Do come along for cake and a cuppa, and help us celebrate the start of spring together!

## The Upper Room: The Last Supper



Christian Stejskalk is a storyteller, photographer and violinist, who invites us to join him and hear the story of the Last Supper in a new way.

With original solo violin music, black & white photographs from the land Jesus walked, and a reading of John 13-17, all are welcome to this exploration of Jesus' last few days.

Beacon Lough Baptist Church,  
99 Southend Road, Gateshead, NE9 6XS  
Wednesday 25th March 2026 at 6.30pm

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## A note on the garden at St. Alban's

Hi everyone,

I hope you are all enjoying the snowdrops on your walk into church at St Albans each Sunday. We shall soon resume our monthly Saturday-morning work parties from 10:00 - noon, so do keep an eye out for those dates! And as lighter nights return we would also hold a midweek evening session for those wishing to help but find Saturdays inconvenient. There are tasks to suit all ages, levels of fitness and gardening experience.

Some areas of the churchyard are also to have a change of emphasis to make ongoing management easier, and I want to explore ways to help the garden reach a wider audience. Do have a chat if you have ideas to contribute, and thanks for your continuing support and encouragement.

Rob Watts

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## Benny's Campaign - Stand By Benny



The Coffee Morning held at St Albans on Monday 2nd March raised the sum of £265.00. Thank you to all who contributed to this.

## What is happening across our parishes for the Week beginning Sunday 8th March

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| Sunday<br>8th 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 John's</p> <p>4.30pm: Explore the Bible at St Ninians</p> <p>6.30pm: Youth Group at the Pulse at Durham Cathedral</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 &amp; Crafts at St Albans</p> <p>4pm: Evening Prayer at St Albans</p> <p>7pm- 9pm: St Albans PCC</p> <p>7pm: Lent Group at St Johns (Session 3)</p>                          |
| Tuesday                   | <p>9am: Morning Prayer at St Johns</p> <p>10am: St Ninians PCC</p> <p>10am - 1pm: Place of Welcome at St Johns<br/>with Crafts from 10am to 11.30am.</p> <p>18.45pm: 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 4)</p>   |
| Thursday                  | <p>9am: Morning Prayer at St Ninians</p> <p>7pm: Deanery Synod at St Andrews, Lamesley</p>   |
| Sunday<br>15th 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: Cafe Service at St Albans</p> <p>11.30am: Shared Lunch at St Albans</p> <p>4.30pm: Explore Worship 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 - 8th March 2026**

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised 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, 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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