

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

26th April 2026



Compass Acapella and
Tyneside A Cappella present

Music for Springtime
Saturday 16th May 7pm

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All Proceeds for
St Bede's Hospice & St John's Church

St John's Church, Church Road
Sheriff Hill, Gateshead
£7 (children free)

Tickets available from Yvonne Stonebank
07880 741654
or on the door

Last week we looked at the role of a PCC member - this week we focus on **Deanery Synod Members**.

Each of our churches has representatives on the Synod - all the clergy are automatically part of the synod and then we have spaces that are to be filled with lay people.

The spaces are linked to the Electoral Roll and St Johns and St Ninians have 2 spaces and St Albans has 3 spaces.

Synod in Gateshead meets 3 times a year and in the next three years we will see much change in our Deanery as numbers of clergy change. Deanery Synod also elects those who will stand for Durham Diocese on General Synod (The National body that leads the church.)

Please do pray about whether you could be a part of Deanery Synod this year - we ask that you report things to PCC and share any changes in policies with the churches.

These roles will be filled at each church at their APCM.

REPORTS FOR APCM

If you write reports for APCM for St Albans - please email it to stalbanswn@gmail.com by May 4th 2026

If you write reports for APCM for St Ninians - please email it to stninianswn@gmail.com by May 4th 2026

If you are unsure please ask Danie.

Upcoming dates

Saturday 9th May - 6pm Confirmations at St Ninians (Ronnie from St Albans is being confirmed)

Sunday 10th May - Youth Group at St Albans Hall

Monday 11th May - 7pm St Albans APCM

Saturday 16th May - 10am Gardening at St Albans

Saturday 16th May - Compass Acapella choir at St Johns - tickets available £7 adults and children free

Sunday 17th May 11am St Ninians APCM

Monday 18th May - St Johns PCC

What is happening across our parishes for the Week beginning Sunday 26th April

Sunday 26th April 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: Explore Prayer at at St Ninians
Monday	7am: Morning prayer at St Johns 1pm - 2.30pm: Toddler group at St Albans Hall 1pm - 3.30: Arts & Crafts at St Albans 7pm: St Albans PCC in St Albans church.
Tuesday	9am: Morning Prayer at St Johns 9.30am St Nininans PCC 10am - 1pm: Place of Welcome at St Johns 10.45am - 11am: Celtic Worship at St Johns 8.45pm: Mens Fellowship at Greencroft Club
Wednesday	9am: Morning Prayer at St Albans 2pm-3pm: Callendar Court
Thursday	9am: Morning Prayer at St Ninians
Saturday	8.30am - 9.30am: Mens Breakfast at St Ninians
Sunday 3rd May 2026	8am: BCP Service at St Johns 9.30am: Service at St Johns 10am: Service at St Ninians 10.30am: Service at St Albans 11.30am: Baptism at St Johns 4.30pm: Feast 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 - 26th April 2026

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. 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, Andy Kindred, Peter Grainge, Simon Shaw, Karl and Christina Smith, Chloe Sproates, Brenda Taylor, John Watts.

Please note - The prayer list will be renewed next week - please email each church or send Hazel a message via WhatsApp to advise of names to be added or to remain on the list.

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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