

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

Sunday 5th & Sunday 12th April 2026



**He is Risen Indeed!
Alleluia!**

On the first Easter morning, hope did not arrive with noise or spectacle, but quietly, in a garden at dawn. The stone was rolled away, not just from a tomb, but from the weight of despair. What seemed final in

death, loss, fear was undone by the surprising, life-giving power of God. The resurrection of Jesus is the promise that darkness never has the last word.

That same hope speaks into the world we live in now. We see uncertainty, conflict, grief, and injustice. We carry personal burdens, worries about the future, pain from the past, and questions without easy answers. At times it can feel as though the stone is still firmly in place.

But Easter tells a different story. It reminds us that even in the bleakest moments, God is at work bringing new life. Hope is not naïve optimism or denial of reality; it is the deep trust that love is stronger than death, that light shines in the darkness, and that new beginnings are always possible.

The empty tomb invites us to live as people of resurrection: to look for signs of life, to be agents of peace, to hold onto faith when it feels fragile. Because of Easter morning, we are not defined by what is broken, but by what God is making new. This is how we are called to live as individuals and as churches, let us remember this as we move onwards as Easter people.

Hope is alive and it is still rising. He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!!

Rev Danie

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.

Coffee Morning and Plant Sale



Come and join us at St Albans Church on Saturday, 25th April 2026 from 10am to 12pm to raise funds towards the renovations in the hall.

There will be a Plant Sale and book stall, have a browse with a cup of tea or coffee with cake.

If you have any books that can be added to the stall bring them along.

What is happening across our parishes for the Week beginning Sunday 5th April

Sunday 5th April 2026 Easter Sunday	6.15am: Dawn Service on Windy Nook Field 9.30am: Easter Service at St Johns 10am: Easter Service at St Ninians 10.30am: Easter Service at St Albans followed by Easter egg hunt in the churchyard 4.30pm: There is NO EXPLORE this week
Sunday 12th 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 11.30am: Baptism at St Johns 4.30pm: Explore the Bible at at St Ninians 5pm - 6.15pm: Youth Group at St Albans



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.

**What is happening across our parishes for the
Week beginning Sunday 12th April**

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Monday	7am: Morning Prayer at St Johns 1pm - 3.30pm: Arts & Crafts at St Albans 4pm: Evening Prayer at St Albans
Tuesday	9am: Morning Prayer at St Johns 10am - 1pm: Place of Welcome at St Johns with crafts from 10am to 11.30am 8.45pm: Mens Fellowship at Greencroft Club
Wednesday	9am: Morning Prayer at St Albans 7pm - 9pm: St Johns Standing Committee
Thursday	9am: Morning Prayer at St Ninians
Saturday	10am- 12pm: Gardening at St Albans - Weather permitting
Sunday 19th April	8am: BCP Service at St Johns 9.30am: Service at St Johns 10am: Service at St Ninians 10.30am: Service at St Albans 11.45am: Shared lunch at St Albans 4.30pm: Explore Worship at St Ninians

Upcoming dates

Monday 20th April - Cafe at St Albans
Monday 20th April: - Worship Team Gathering at St Albans
Thursday 23rd April: Coffee Morning at St Ninians
Friday 24th April - St Georges Service at St Johns
Saturday 25th April - Coffee morning and Plant Sale at St Albans
Sunday 26th April - APCM at St Johns
Saturday 9th May - Confirmation at St Ninians
Saturday 17th May - Compass Acapella choir at St Johns

Prayers you may want to use this week

Collect - 5th April 2026

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Collect - 12th April 2026

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise 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, 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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