

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

3rd May 2026

Confirmations

At 6pm on Saturday 9th May we're hosting our Deanery Confirmation service at St. Ninian's. Confirmation is a really significant moment for many, and is a beautiful way of affirming your faith in front of friends and family. In this confirmation service we'll join together with churches across our Deanery to celebrate with all those who are getting confirmed - including our very own Ronnie, from St. Alban's! Some of our St. Alban's worship group will be leading worship, and everyone is welcome to come along.

Do pray for Ronnie, and everyone who is getting confirmed. Let's pray that God's Holy Spirit will rest on them: the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and inward strength, the Spirit of knowledge and of godliness; and that they'd know God's power with them this week! Amen.



Acapella at St. John's

At 7pm on Saturday 16th May you are invited to an evening of acapella music at St. John's. With two fabulous choirs, this will be a lovely evening of music to remember. Tickets are £7, available in advance from Yvonne Stonebank or on the door - and kids go free.

All the proceeds will go to St. Bede's Hospice and St. John's Church.

PCC Members

Both St. Alban's and St. Ninian's have their APCM - Annual Parochial Church Meeting - in the next few weeks. This is a great opportunity to look back over the last year together, and to look forward to the future. These meetings are also when we elect our PCC (Parochial Church Council) members, our Churchwardens, and our Deanery Synod representatives.

Serving on the PCC is a great way to serve the church. PCC members work together to help keep the church on track: to make sure we're always pointing to God in worship, reaching out in mission to our communities, and responsibly stewarding the resources that we've been given. If you think you might be able to serve on the PCC of your church, please speak to a member of the clergy or one of our churchwardens.

Pentecost Praise

Sunday 24th May is Pentecost Sunday, and as well as marking it in our churches there is an opportunity to celebrate with the wider Diocese. Durham Cathedral is hosting 'Pentecost Praise', a celebratory service of contemporary worship at 6:30pm. Please do consider if you might like to go - and if you could give anyone else a lift along to the service!

Upcoming dates

Sunday 10th May:	5:15pm Youth Group at St Albans Hall
Monday 11th May:	7pm St. Albans APCM
Thursday 14th May:	7pm Ascension Day at St. Johns
Saturday 16th May:	10am Gardening at St. Albans
Saturday 16th May:	7pm Compass Acapella choir at St. Johns
Sunday 17th May:	11am St. Ninians APCM
Monday 18th May:	7pm St. Johns PCC
Sunday 24th May:	6:30pm Pentecost Praise at Durham Cathedral

What is happening across our parishes for the week beginning Sunday 3rd May

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
Monday	Bank Holiday - No services or activities taking place today
Tuesday	9am: Morning Prayer at St Johns 10am - 1pm: Place of Welcome at St Johns 8.45pm: Mens Fellowship at Greencroft Club
Wednesday	9am: Morning Prayer at St Albans
Thursday	9am: Morning Prayer at St Ninians
Saturday	6pm: Confirmation at St Ninians
Sunday 10th 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 4.30pm: Explore the Bible at St Ninians 5:15pm: Youth Group at St. Alban's Church Hall



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 - 3rd May

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, 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.

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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