

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

28th June 2026

## **Congratulations to Reverend John Mayes**

I am delighted to announce that Reverend John Mayes has had his end of Curacy Assessment and met with Bishop Rick and has been formally notified that he has successfully completed all that is necessary. In other words - he did it! John has now formally finished training after 7 years.

John will be licensed as Associate Priest in due course - and will be taking pastoral responsibility for St Johns from September 2026.

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**Congratulations to Reverend John Hinton** who will be ordained deacon today at Durham Cathedral - please do say hello to him when you see him in church in the coming Sundays - but remember you only have to learn one name - he has got over 60 to learn!

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## **Upcoming dates for your diary**

**Thursday 16th July** - St Johns PCC 7pm

**Monday 27th July** - Worship Practice Night St Albans

**Tuesday 28th July to Saturday 1st August** - Drama Holiday Club -  
volunteers needed 10am - 2pm  
Please let Danie Know if you can help

**Thursday 6th August to Friday 7th August** - Teen Drama Holiday Club  
Volunteers needed 11am - 4pm  
Please let Danie Know if you can help

**Thursday 13th/20th and 27th August:** Holiday Club - see poster

**Saturday 29th August 10am to 2pm** - Beach day at Roker

## St Albans Holiday Club



We are again hosting a Holiday Club Messy Church style in the summer holidays. This will run on Thursday 13th August, 20th and 27th and is for families to come along to together.

Spaces are limited especially on one of the days so do book in with Lynn on (07940 194154)

More details to follow next week

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## Brighten the Days Creative Arts Clubs

We are hosting and supporting 2 Summer Holiday Clubs facilitated by Damn Cheek again this year.

These are for children in receipt of Free School Meals who get vouchers. The spaces are beginning to fill up so do share with those who you know could benefit.



### 28th July - 1st August

A week-long creative and performing arts course for 5 to 11-year-olds. The children will learn and practise a range of new skills together – from mask-making to character performance – in a safe, creative and laughter-filled environment.

The goal is that children will come to every session, as the activities build up day-by-day towards the final day, culminating in a 'sharing' with friends, family and carers – with food served for all!

### 6th and 7th August

A two day intensive creative and performing arts course for 8 to 16 year olds.

**We also need volunteers - especially for the older group.**

## What is happening across our parishes for the week beginning Sunday 28th June

Sunday 28th June 2026	8am: BCP Service at St Johns 9.30am: Service at St Johns 10am: Service at St Ninians 10am: John Hinton is ordained a Deacon at Durham Cathedral 10.30am: Service at St Albans 4.30pm: Explore Prayer at St Ninians
Monday	7am: Morning Prayer at St Johns 10am-12pm Cafe at St Albans 1pm-2:30pm: Toddlers at St Albans Hall 1pm - 3.30pm: Arts & crafts at St Albans
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	8.30am-9.30am: Mens Breakfast at St Ninians
Sunday 5th July 2026	8am: BCP Service at St Johns 9.30am: Service at St Johns 10.00am: Service at St Ninians 10.30am: Service at St Albans 4.30pm: Feast at 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.**

**Please note Rev Danie is on annual leave until 12th July**

## Prayers you may want to use this week

### **Collect -**

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **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.

**For those being ordained Deacon and Priest on 27th and 28th** Paula Barber, James Cochran, Eleanor Cockayne, Alison Donnison, Susan Elsey, John Hinton, Katie Malcolm, Susanna Wall, Emily Carling, Katherine Cooper-Young, Ray Leonard, Ann Lipscombe, Claire Mead, Helen Miller and Donna Robinson

### **Our clergy team is:**

**Rector** - Rev Canon Danie Lindley (07902477474),  
**Associate Priests** - Rev Ken Coulson (07596534635),  
Rev John Mayes (07791615821)  
**Curates** - Rev Elaine Grant (07356073876)  
Rev John Hinton

### **Our Parish Safeguarding officers are**

**St Albans and St Ninians:** Lynn Coulson (07940 194154)  
and **St Johns:** Catherine Mayes (07768 667045)

### **Churchwardens**

**St Albans** - Lynn Coulson and Rob Watts  
**St Johns** - Catherine Mayes and Yvonne Stonebank  
**St Ninians** - Linda Smith