

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

21st June 2026



## **We welcome John Hinton as our new curate**

After what feels like a very long journey, I can't believe that Ordination day is almost here and I can't wait to join you in the parish. For those who I haven't had the chance to meet, my name is John, next month I'll be celebrating 35 years of marriage to Susan, we have 2 grown up

children and earlier this year we welcomed grandchild number 5 into the family. We are also keepers of Elvis the wonder dog, and an elusive cat which is only seen at mealtimes. I love to sing, but I sound terrible. I have a large collection of dad jokes, at least 2 are funny.

I've been studying at Lindisfarne College of Theology, which despite its name is not actually on Holy Island – it's just a stone's throw from Nevilles Cross – far less picturesque, but at least I didn't have to factor in tides to cross on college nights. I studied there part time because I work full time. In my day job I work for a North East charity called Handcrafted which seeks to support local people, many of whom have faced isolation. One of the things I love most about my job is meeting a wide variety of people, especially those who pop into The Shakey café we run in Deckham. I get so inspired by their stories, and I learn so much from hearing how they have navigated challenges in their own lives.

Although it was amazing privilege to train for ministry, I'm not a natural academic (biblical Hebrew and Greek are definitely not my happy place) so I'm really looking forward to having the opportunity to get stuck into the next stage of my ministry journey – progressing from the theoretical towards the practical - especially being part of the church life and learning from all of you.

John Hinton.... Soon to be Reverend... is ordained at Durham Cathedral on Sunday 28th June at 10am. All are welcome.

## **Churchwardens are sworn in at Durham Cathedral for another year.**



Thanks go to our wonderful wardens for all they do for us as churches, the wider community and for me.

They are responsible for many things including 'keeping order'. Do support them please and encourage them - it is not an easy task to take on.

Rev Danie

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### **Help with Leaver's Services**

Every year we offer a space for our Year 6 children to come and reflect on their time in Primary school and look forwards to secondary school. This is always a joyful time and the helpers find it rewarding. If you can help at any of the sessions please message Danie - we will need about 6 helpers at each one - so if you can help across churches that is wonderful. At the moment we have too few helpers to go ahead - if you can help please let me know

June 24th 9.30am St Nininans - Harlow Green Primary still need 1

June 25th 1.30pm St Albans - Windy Nook Primary still need 2

July 16th 10am St Albans - Falla Park Primary still need 1

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### **Upcoming dates for your diary**

**Monday 29th June - Cafe at St Albans 10am**

**Tuesday 28th July to Saturday 1st August - Drama Holiday Club - volunteers needed 10am - 2pm**

**Thursday 6th August to Friday 7th August - Teen Drama Holiday Club  
Volunteers needed 11am - 4pm**

**Thursday 13th/20th and 27th August: Holiday Club - more info to follow**

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

## What is happening across our parishes for the week beginning Sunday 21st June

Sunday 21st June 2026	8am: BCP Service at St Johns 9.30am: Service at St Johns 10am: Service at St Ninians 10.30am: Service at St Albans 11:45am: Shared Lunch at St Albans 4.30pm: Explore Worship at St Ninians
Monday	7am: Morning Prayer at St Johns 1pm-2:30pm: Toddlers at St Albans Hall 1pm - 2pm: Holiday club planning meeting for those who can attend 1pm - 3.30pm: Arts & crafts at St Albans 7pm: Worship Group at St Albans
Tuesday	9am: Morning Prayer at St Johns 10am-1pm: Place of Welcome at St Johns 10am: St Ninians PCC 10.45am: Celtic Worship at St Johns 8.45pm: Mens Fellowship at Greencroft Club
Wednesday	9am: NO Morning Prayer at St Albans 9.30am: Harlow Green Yr 6 Leavers Service at St Ninians 2pm: Service at Callander Court
Thursday	9am: Morning Prayer at St Ninians 1.30pm: Windy Nook Yr 6 Leavers Service at St Albans
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



**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 -**

God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, 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 Eley, 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 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 (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