

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

19th July 2026

Saying goodbye to Reverend Elaine

I know many of you will want to join me in thanking Elaine for all she has contributed to our parishes in the past 2 years before her final services on 2nd August.

Elaine will be preaching at 8am, 9.30am and 10.30am on 2nd August and we will meet for **coffee and cake at St Johns at 9am** and then again at **St Albans at 11.30am**. Do come along to one of the services and join us for cake in whichever church and time works for you. **Please note there will be NO service at St Ninians** (please see the message below)

Reverend Ken Coulson

Many of you will know that Rev Ken becomes a year older on 1st August. This means that he will have reached an age when the church asks him to step back and rest for a while after his licence as Associate Priest comes to an end (very ageist we think!) We do not know how long that rest might be - it could be as long as 6 months - but we hope and pray it is not. Ken's last Sunday (for now) will be Sunday 28th when he will preach at St Albans. This is NOT goodbye but SEE YOU SOON. Of course he will continue to worship at St Albans meanwhile

St Ninian's services in August

Due to a number of factors across all parishes we are having to change service days and cancel some services at St Ninians. Of course you are invited to come to any of the services at St Johns or St Albans.

In August there will be services on these dates and times.

Sunday 2nd August - 4.30pm Feast - join us for food and fellowship

Thursday 6th August - 9.15am Communion Service

Sunday 9th August - 10am service, 11.30am Baptism, 4.30pm Explore

Sunday 16th August - 4.30pm Explore Worship

Thursday 20th August - 9.15am Communion Service

Sunday 23rd August - 10am Service, 4.30pm Explore Prayer

Sunday 30th August - 4.30pm Explore Communion Service

Thursday 3rd September - 9.15am Communion Service

Upcoming dates for your diary

Monday 27th July: Worship Team Gathering at St Albans, 7pm

Thursdays 13th, 20th and 27th August: St. Alban's Holiday Club

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

St Albans Holiday Club



We are hosting a Holiday Club again in the summer holidays - and we're doing it Messy Church style. So get ready for three days of fun for the whole family, on Thursdays 13th, 20th and 27th of August!

Spaces are limited, so to book your place for any of the days just message Lynn on 07940 194154.

Our Drama holiday clubs have all been cancelled due to a lack of bookings. Thank you to all who had offered to help.



What is happening across our parishes for the week beginning Sunday 19th July

Sunday 19th July 2026 Pot Noodle Sunday	8am: BCP Service at St Johns 9.30am: Service at St Johns 10.00am: Service at St Ninians 10.30am: Service at St Albans 11.30am: Shared Lunch at St Albans 4.30pm: Explore Worship at St Ninians
Monday	7am: Morning Prayer at St Johns 1pm - 3.30pm: Arts & crafts at St Albans
Tuesday	9am: Morning Prayer at St Johns 10am-1pm: Place of Welcome at St Johns 2pm-3pm: Hawkesbury House Communion Service 8.45pm: Mens Fellowship at Greencroft Club
Wednesday	9am: Morning Prayer at St Albans
Thursday	9am: Morning Prayer at St Ninians
Sunday 26th 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: 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

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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, Karl and Christina Smith, Chloe Sproates, Brenda Taylor, John Watts.

For the bereaved especially the family and friends of Simon Shaw

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