

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

5th July 2026



Welcome Rev. John Hinton!

Last Sunday our newest member of the team was ordained as Deacon at Durham Cathedral.

We are so excited to welcome Rev. John Hinton to the team as our new curate. Do pray for John and Susan in the coming weeks as they settle into this new season - and if you spot him on a Sunday morning, be sure to say hello!

Upcoming dates for your diary

Thursday 16th July: St Johns PCC 7pm

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

Tues. 28th July to Sat. 1st August: Drama Holiday Club for 5-11yr olds
Running at St. Alban's 10am - 2pm: *volunteers needed!*

Thurs. 6th to Fri. 7th August: Drama Holiday Club for 8-16 yr olds
Running at St. Ninian's, 11am - 4pm: *volunteers needed!*

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.

Brighten the Days Creative Arts Clubs

We are also hosting and supporting two Drama Holiday Clubs facilitated by Damn Cheek. These are for children in receipt of Free School Meals - and the spaces are beginning to fill up, so do share with anyone you know who might benefit from them!



28th July - 1st August at St. Alban's

This week-long creative and performing arts course is 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 sessions will run from 10am - 2pm every day, with a hot and healthy meal in the middle.

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 at St. Ninian's

This two day intensive creative and performing arts course is designed for 8 to 16 year olds. Running 11am - 4pm in St. Ninian's, this is a great space for young people who are interested in drama to hone their skills.

We need volunteers to help out with both of these holiday clubs, especially the second, so if you could help please let Rev. Danie know!

What is happening across our parishes for the week beginning Sunday 5th July

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
Monday	7am: Morning Prayer at St Johns 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
Sunday 12th 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 11.30am: Baptism at St Ninians 4.30pm: Explore the Bible at St Ninians 5pm: Youth Group at St Albans 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.

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

Prayers you may want to use this week

Collect

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; 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, Simon Shaw, Karl and Christina Smith, Chloe Sproates, Brenda Taylor, John Watts.

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