

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

2nd August 2026

Giving Thanks

Today we say goodbye to Rev Elaine Grant thanking God for her and all she has given in the past 2 years. We pray blessings on her and Rosie as they move away. Elaine will preach at all 3 services today - do come and see her and say goodbye.

Rev Elaine had been such a blessing for us in so many ways and I know that you will miss her, many of you have expressed that to me and her already. This is a time of new beginnings for Elaine and we have to let her go - following this morning's services she will leave the WhatsApp groups and will no longer be working here. Can I ask you to respect that please - this is not goodbye forever, we have talked about occasions when she may come back and see us. But for now we need to pray for her, bless her and Rosie and let her go.

We also give thanks for Rev Ken Coulson who has been granted Permission to Officiate and will be back leading and preaching on Sundays and other services from September (he may do some things mid week in August as well!)

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.

Please see the details for the services taking place during the week commencing 2nd August on the next page. Information for all

remaining services throughout August are listed below with their dates and times.

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

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

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

Saturday 26th September: Village Show at St Johns - more details to follow

And Geordie Night at St Johns 7pm



Gateshead Foodbank is in need of toiletries, with deodorant being a particular priority.

If you're able to donate even one extra item, it would make a real difference to local families who are struggling.

Thank you for supporting this community appeal. We collect for them in each of our churches.

What is happening across our parishes for the week beginning Sunday 2nd August

Sunday 2nd August	8am: BCP Service at St Johns 9.30am: Service at St Johns 10.30am: Service at St Albans 4.30pm: Feast 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 8.45pm: Mens Fellowship at Greencroft Club
Wednesday	9am: Morning Prayer at St Albans
Thursday	9.15am: Communion Service at St Ninians
Sunday 9th August	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 Johns 11.30am: Baptism at St Ninians 4.30pm: Explore the Bible 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

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in 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, Jeff Hepple, Carol Phillipson, Lilian Sample, Karl and Christina Smith, Chloe Sproates, Brenda Taylor, John Watts, Ryan Whittonstall, Laura Wick.

For those who mourn 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