

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

23rd August 2026

Join us on the Beach!



We have our annual beach day on **Saturday 29th August at Roker Beach**. All are welcome to join us for all or part of the day. Bring camping chairs, picnics, toys and games, some of us will bring paddleboards, footballs, buckets and spades. We will definitely be on the beach from 10am to 2pm but happy to be later in the afternoon if the weather is good. There is parking at the beach and the nearest metro is St Peter (come out and walk down Dame Dorothy Street until you get to the beach! 30 mins) or you could ask for lifts on WhatsApp.

Youth Camp

Hazel has been away last week with some of our youth to **reNEwne Youth** camp in Scotland. I know she has had an amazing time as have the young people - do pray about whether you could support Hazel in the youth group once a month on a Sunday evenings 5pm to 6.15pm.

To see what reNEwne get up to check out their website www.renewne.org.uk/

Dates for your diary

Saturday 5th September	8.30am Men's Breakfast at St Ninians - message Rev John Mayes to book a place
Monday 7th September	7pm St Albans PCC at St Albans
Monday 14th September	7pm St Johns PCC at St Johns

HARVEST WEEKEND!

Saturday 29th September	10am St Johns Village Show - see poster for more info 6pm Geordie Night in St Johns
Sunday 30th September	8am, 9,30am, 10am, 10,30am services all Harvest festivals 4pm Rev Danie's Final Service starting at St Johns at 4pm and moving to St Albans by 5pm finishing with a shared tea in church. More details to follow

Announcement

This was announced last Sunday

The Bishop of Durham would like to announce that the Revd Canon Danie Lindley has been appointed as the new IME2 and First Incumbent Enabler within the Diocese. Her last Sunday with us will be the 27th September 2026.

Please pray for Danie, Russ and their family, as they prepare to move and start this new phase of life and ministry.

In the coming weeks Rev John Mayes is to be licensed as Associate Priest for the benefice of Gateshead Fell and Windy Nook and Revd Ken Coulson will be given Permission to Officiate as soon as the paperwork is complete.

Rev John Hinton is discerning another curacy placement and will be leaving us.

Please hold John, Ken, and the churchwardens in prayer as they plan for this new time of vacancy as well as John and Susan at this time as they seek God's call.

What this means is that Rev Danie is leaving us and going to work for the Diocese to lead the training for all curates and support them during curacy as well as when they begin their first roles as parish priests. The family will eventually move house away from Gateshead. This is exciting for Danie and a new chapter while daunting for us as parishes, but God has prepared both her and our churches for this over the years and we have amazing teams who lead on on so much.

Most things will continue as they have been while the parishes go into what is called an 'interregnum'. (A vacancy period).

Once Danie has left, the PCCs will work with the Archdeacon and someone from the Diocese to complete a Vacancy Audit, recording and sharing all the wonderful things going on in our parishes, from this a plan will be made for filling the vacancies. (St Ninians will be one vacancy and St Johns and St Albans jointly another vacancy)

This all takes time and the churchwardens, Reverend John and Reverend Ken will need prayer and support as will all PCC members, they will keep you as informed as they can but it is not only their responsibility.

Details of what is happening across our parishes this week

Sunday 23rd 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 4.30pm: Explore Prayer 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 10.45am-11am: Celtic Worship at St Johns 8.45pm: Mens Fellowship at Greencroft Club
Wednesday	9am: Morning Prayer at St Albans 2pm-3pm: Service at Callendar Court
Thursday	9am: Morning Prayer at St Ninians 10am - 2pm: Holiday Club at St Albans centre and the opening of the toilets at 10.15am.
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We are Inclusive Churches which celebrate and affirm every person and do not discriminate.



We still need a **new treasurer for St Albans** quite urgently - please do pray if you can support in this way and talk to Danie, Lynn or Rob.

Would you like to be more involved in things? Our churches have teams for teas and coffees, reading the

bible, leading intercessions in services, pastoral visiting and so much more. In a time of vacancy people can be stretched - if you have any extra capacity please do pray how you could help and then talk to clergy or churchwardens.

PRAYERS YOU MAY WISH TO USE THIS WEEK

Collect

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, 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, Jeff Hepple, John Goodenough, Peter Grainge, Andy Kindred, Sabric Mohmadpour, Carol Phillipson, Lilian Sample, Karl and Christina Smith, Chloe Sproates, Brenda Taylor, John Watts, Ryan Whittonstall, Laura Wick.

Our clergy team is:

Rev Canon Danie Lindley (07902477474),

Rev Ken Coulson (07596534635),

Rev John Mayes (07791615821)

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

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