

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

11th October 2026

National Week of Prayer (10th -18th October)



As part of National Week of Prayer we have been invited to join in a time of Community Prayer for a few minutes or a few hours at

**Chowdene Church at the Strongpoint
Centre, 660 Durham Road, Low Fell,
Gateshead, NE9 6JA - Main Church/Upper
Hall**

On 15th October from 12pm to 4pm.

Whether you can stay for a few minutes or a few hours, all will be warmly welcome.

Macmillan Coffee Morning



Thank you to all who came to the Macmillan Coffee Morning at St Albans £238.00 was raised



We are offering Hot Chocolate and sweets at St Albans from 5pm to 7pm and at St Johns from 4.30pm to 6.30pm on 31st October. If you are able to help at the drink station in any way please let us know.

Donations of sweets and Hot Chocolate gratefully accepted.

How about carving a pumpkin to be placed outside church to lighten things up?



We are hoping to have a chocolate and sweet tombola at our Christmas Fair on 7 November. Donations of chocolates and/or sweets would be very gratefully received, no matter how small. Your support will help make the event a success.

Details of what is happening across our parishes this week

Sunday 11th October	8.00am: BCP Service at St Johns 9.30am: Service at St Johns 10.00am: Service at St Ninians 10.30am: Service at St Albans 4.00pm: Licensing of Rev John Mayes as Associate Priest at St Johns followed by shared tea 4.30pm: NO EXPLORE AT ST NINIANS 5pm-6.15pm: Youth Group at St Albans Hall
Monday	7.00am: Morning Prayer at St Johns 10-12noon: Cafe at St Albans 1pm-3.30pm: Arts & Crafts at St Albans 7.00pm: St Albans PCC Meeting in Church
Tuesday	9.00am: Morning Prayer at St Johns 10am-1pm: Place of Welcome at St Johns with crafts between 10.00 and 11.30am 8.45pm: Mens Fellowship at Greencroft Club
Wednesday	9.00am: Morning Prayer at St Albans
Thursday	9.00am: Morning Prayer at St Ninians
Sunday 18th October	8.00am: BCP Service at St Johns 9.30am: Service at St Johns 10.00am: NO SERVICE AT ST NINIANS 10.30am: Service at St Albans followed by shared lunch 4.30pm: Explore 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 WISH TO USE THIS WEEK

Collect

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, 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, Jeff Hepple, John Goodenough, Peter Grainge, Andy Kindred, Sabric Mohmadpour, Lilian Sample, Karl and Christina Smith, Chloe Sproates, Brenda Taylor, John Watts, Ryan Whittonstall, Laura Wick, Martina Vitzthum.

Our clergy team is:

Rev John Mayes (07791 615821)

Rev Ken Coulson (07596 534635)

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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