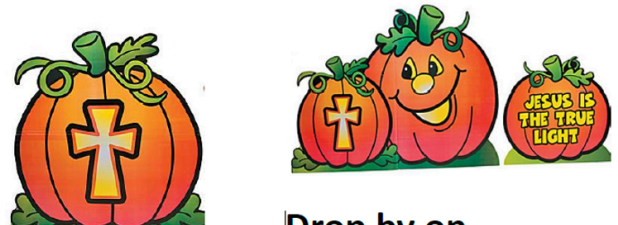
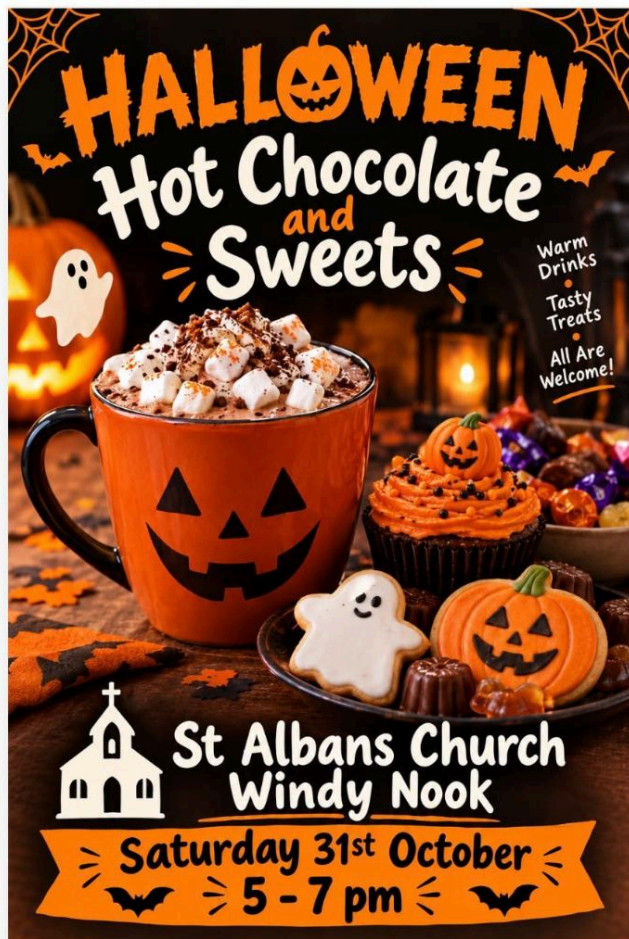


Welcome to our weekly News and Diary from the parishes of Gateshead Fell, Harlow Green and Windy Nook

25th October 2026

On Saturday 31st October we will be serving hot chocolate and giving out sweets outside St John's from 4.30pm to 6.30pm and outside St Alban's from 5.00pm to 7.00pm. If you can help with this, please do let us know. And if anyone fancies their hand at Christian pumpkin carving, that would be great!



Drop by on

Saturday 31st October 2026

for Hot Chocolate and Sweets

between 4.30pm – 6.30 pm

Outside Church

(or in the porch if it's raining!)



Congratulations to Natalie and Mollie from St Ninian's who were confirmed last night by Bishop Frank White in a wonderful service at All Saints Church, Penshaw. Photos next week!

Next Sunday at St John's we will be incorporating our annual All Souls' service of remembrance, thanksgiving and commemoration of the faithful departed into our regular 9.30am service. Names of loved ones will be read out and there will be an opportunity to light a candle in their memory.

If you would like the names of your loved ones read out at this service, please add them to the list at the back of the church, email stjohnsgf@gmail.com or message us on Facebook or WhatsApp.

The St Alban's 'Coping with Christmas' Service will be held on Sunday 29th November at 6.00pm.

All Souls' Service

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed



Included as part of our regular

Sunday Morning Service

at **9.30am on Sunday 1st November 2026**

Everyone is welcome to join us!

Names of our loved ones will be read out and there will be an opportunity to light candles in their memory.

If you would like the name of your loved one included in this service, please e-mail stjohnsgf@gmail.com or message us on Facebook.

Details of what is happening across our parishes this week

Sunday 25th October	8.00am: BCP Service at St Johns 9.30am: Service at St Johns 10.00am: Service at St Ninians (Archdeacon Katherine) 10.30am: Service at St Albans 12.30pm: Baptism at St Albans 4.30pm: Explore at St Ninians
Monday	7.00am: Morning Prayer at St Johns 10am-12noon Cafe at St Albans 1pm-3.30pm: Arts & Crafts at St Albans
Tuesday	9.00am: Morning Prayer at St Johns 10am-1pm: Place of Welcome at St Johns 10:45am: Celtic Worship at St Johns 8.45pm: Mens Fellowship at Greencroft Club
Wednesday	9.00am: Morning Prayer at St Albans 2.00pm: Service at Callendar Court
Thursday	9.00am: Morning Prayer at St Ninians
Saturday	4.30-6.30pm Hot Chocolate and Sweets at St Johns 5.00-7.00pm Hot Chocolate and Sweets at St Albans
Sunday 1st November	8.00am: BCP Service at St Johns 9.30am: Service at St Johns - including a time of remembering, thanksgiving and commemoration of the faithful departed (All Souls) 10.00am: NO SERVICE AT ST NINIAN'S 10.30am: Service at St Albans 4.30pm: Explore at St Ninians



**Inclusive
Church**

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

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Diocesan Prayer

Almighty God, you are calling us as the churches of Durham Diocese to renewed life, hope and vision: take our worship and witness, that by the work of your spirit, many may come to faith in Christ and we may become a church of missionary disciples. So, may you bless our congregation, and bless our parish, through the love and service of your living, growing church in this place; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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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