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

1st November 2026



Congratulations to Natalie and Mollie from St Ninian's who were confirmed last Saturday by Bishop Frank White in a wonderful service at All Saint's Church, Penshaw, which included a very powerful testimony from Natalie. Well done to you both!



Join us as we study Matthew 5:1-12 also known as 'The Beatitudes'. Someone has written, "In a few short sentences the Beatitudes are probably the most important, subversive and revolutionary text in the Bible. In order to follow Jesus and live the Christian life we need to enter into the challenging world of the Beatitudes."

Let's find out if we agree!

The course will run over four weeks beginning on 11th November on a Wednesday morning at 10am at St Alban's Church and repeated on Thursday evenings at 7pm at St John's Church.

Bring your Bible, a curious mind and a desire to know God in a deeper way.

1. Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th - What does "Blessed” mean?
2. Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th - The Powerless, Grieving, and Unimportant.
3. Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th - The type of people God is forming.
4. Wednesday 2nd & Thursday 3rd December - What does it mean to make peace?



Details of what is happening across our parishes this week

Sunday 1st November	8.00am: 9.30am: 10.00am: 10.30am: 4.30pm:	BCP Service at St John's Service at St John's - including a time of remembering, thanksgiving and commemoration of the faithful departed (All Souls) NO SERVICE AT ST NINIAN'S Service at St Alban's Explore at St Ninian's
Monday	7.00am: 1pm-3.30pm:	Morning Prayer at St John's Arts & Crafts at St Alban's
Tuesday	9.00am: 10am-1pm: 8.45pm:	Morning Prayer at St John's Place of Welcome at St John's Mens Fellowship at Greencroft Club
Wednesday	9.00am:	Morning Prayer at St Alban's
Thursday	9.00am:	Morning Prayer at St Ninian's
Saturday	8.30am: 10.30-1.30	Men's Breakfast at St Ninian's Christmas Fayre at St Alban's Hall
Sunday 8th November	8.00am: 9.30am: 10.00am: 10.30am: 4.30pm:	BCP Service at St John's Service at St John's Including Act of Remembrance Service at St Ninian's (Ken Coulson) Service at St Alban's Including Act of Remembrance Explore at St Ninian's

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
God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through 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 Alban's and St Ninian's: *Lynn Coulson (07940 194154)*
and ***St John's:*** *Catherine Mayes (07768 667045)*

Churchwardens
St Alban's *- Lynn Coulson and Rob Watts*
St John's *- Catherine Mayes and Yvonne Stonebank*
St Ninian's *- Linda Smith*

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