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

15th November 2026



Congratulations to Linda Clayton and Peter Hogg married yesterday in St John's.

BLESSED
Bible Study

Join us as we study Matthew 5:1-12 also known as "The Beatitudes".

Let's find out if we agree!

"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."

The course will run over four weeks beginning on:

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

Wednesdays at 10am at St Alban's Church

Thursdays at 7pm at St John's Church

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



A huge thank you to everyone who helped, volunteered, donated, or supported the St Albans Christmas Fair on Saturday 7 November. Your kindness and generosity helped us raise an excellent total of **£1,104.37**.





Coping with Christmas Service

Christmas can be a difficult time for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one or feeling the absence of someone special. A **Coping with Christmas Service** will be held at **St Albans Church** on **Sunday 29th November 2026 at 6.00pm**.

This quiet and reflective service offers an opportunity to remember loved ones, light a candle, and find comfort and hope as we approach the Christmas season. There is a list at the back of church for anyone who would like the names of loved ones to be read out and remembered during the service. Names may also be added on the evening of the service.

All are welcome.

Details of what is happening across our parishes this week

Sunday 15th November	8.00am: BCP Service at St John's 9.30am: Service at St John's 10.00am: NO SERVICE AT ST NINIAN'S 10.30am: Service at St Alban's 11.30am: Shared lunch at St Albans 4.30pm: Explore at St Ninian's 5:15pm - 6pm: Youth Group at St Albans Hall
Monday	7.00am: Morning Prayer at St John's 1pm-3.30pm: Arts & Crafts at St Alban's
Tuesday	9.00am: Morning Prayer at St John's 10am-1pm: Place of Welcome at St John's 2.00pm: Hawksbury House Service 8.45pm: Mens Fellowship at Greencroft Club
Wednesday	9.00am: Morning Prayer at St Alban's 10.00am: Beatitudes Bible Study at St Alban's 7.00pm: St John's PCC Meeting in Church
Thursday	9.00am: Morning Prayer at St Ninian's 7.00pm: Beatitudes Bible Study at St John's
Sunday 22nd November	8.00am: BCP Service at St John's 9.30am: Service at St John's 10.00am: Service at St Ninian's - Archdeacon Katherine 10.30am: Service at St Alban's 4.30pm: 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
Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in 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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