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**Any pastoral care** concerns or commendations should be made to Joan or one of the clergy.

## Regular events

- Little Saints:** every Monday 2-4pm in the church hall, except bank holidays.
- Tuesday Group** meets each week at 9.30am for gardening, grounds and DIY maintenance. Coffee at 10.30am. All welcome.
- Prayers for Sick** and other concerns. Wednesdays, 10am at 3 High Laws, NE3 1RQ. **May not take place on Ash Wednesday due to the service at St Hilda's.**
- Book Group:** *The Marriage Portrait* by Maggie O'Farrell. Wednesday 14th February, 7.30pm in the Winskell Room.
- Choir Practice** Thursdays at 4.30-5.15pm (juniors) and 7-8.15pm (adults & young people). Please speak to Drew (Director of Music) if you'd like to join.
- Friday Café** is held 10am-12pm in the Winskell Room}
- Friday Singing Group** meets at 11am in Middleton Room}
- Bell Practice:** Tower & handbell practice, Fridays, 7.30-9pm.
- Parish Walk:** first Saturday of the month (usually). Details to follow.
- Children North East:** we have a box by the north door for an ongoing collection. Wish lists can be found at the back of church & the box is emptied when it is filled.

*Those living with dementia are particularly welcome.*

Notices for the sheet and additions/removals for the prayer list need to be sent to the Parish Office by 9.30am on a Thursday.

Initial enquiries about weddings, blessings, banns and baptisms should be directed to the Parish Office.

# St George's Church, Jesmond

*A worshipping community: inclusive, nurturing, engaged*

11th February 2024 - The Sunday next before Lent



## Our Services Today

### 8am The Eucharist

President & Preacher: Clare MacLaren

### 9.30am Parish Eucharist

President: Clare MacLaren

Preacher: Maggi Creese

Deacon: Izzy McDonald-Booth

Sidespeople: Hazel Jones-Lee, Sue King

Readers: Tom Furness, Graham Hatt

Intercessions: Malcolm Toft

### 11am The Eucharist at St Hilda's

President & Preacher: Ollie Dempsey

### 12pm Baptism of Oliver Durkan

### 6.00pm Taizé

A service of prayer, music, and contemplation



Image: *Honour* by Sarah Trouton

### Giving:

If you would like to support the work of St George's, you can donate via this QR code.



### Livestreaming:

The 9.30 Eucharist (and some other main services) are now being livestreamed via our website and YouTube account. Please sit in the side aisles if you don't want to be seen.

## Services in the Benefice this Week

Mon	8.45am Morning Prayer ( <i>St George's</i> )
Tue	8.45am Morning Prayer ( <i>St Hilda's</i> )
	9.30am The Eucharist ( <i>St Hilda's</i> )
Wed	8.45am Morning Prayer ( <i>St George's</i> )
	9.30am The Eucharist w/ Ashing ( <i>St Hilda's</i> )
Thu	8.45am Morning Prayer ( <i>St George's</i> )
	9.30am The Eucharist ( <i>St George's</i> )

## Sunday 18th February (1st of Lent)

8am	The Eucharist
9.30am	Parish Eucharist
11am	The Eucharist ( <i>St Hilda's</i> )
6.00pm	Choral Evensong



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## Service Details

**Opening Hymn:** 2 - Christ, whose glory fills the skies  
**First reading:** 2 Kings 2: 1-12 (p. 342)  
**Psalm:** 50: 1-6

*(The choir will sing the refrain first. You're invited to join in thereafter where indicated by R)*

**Refrain: Let the heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.**

The Lord, the most mighty God has spoken and called the world from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, perfect in beauty God shines forth; our God comes and will not keep silence. **R**

Consuming fire goes out before him and a mighty tempest stirs about him. He calls the heav'n above and the earth, that he may judge his people: **R**

'Gather to me my faithful, who have sealed my covenant with sacrifice.' Let the heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge. **R**

**Second Reading:** 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6 (NT p. 177)

**Gospel Acclamation:** I am the light of the world, says the Lord. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

**Gospel:** Mark 9: 2-9 (NT p. 42)

• *Smarties (our Junior Church) meets in the Vestry after the Gospel Reading & is led today by Lucy Hatt and Susan Steadman. You are welcome to accompany your children if you wish.*

**Offertory Hymn:** 603 - Bright the vision that delighted

- *All who normally receive the bread and wine in any church are welcome to receive today.*
- *Holy Communion will be distributed from two stations: - one in the South (right hand) aisle and one in front of the altar. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please bow your head and keep your hands at your sides when you come, to signal your intention.*
- *Gluten free wafers are available. Please come to receive at the altar & ask if you require one.*
- *When receiving the wine, please do not dip your wafer into the wine (intinction). All advice suggests that drinking from the cup is a more hygienic method of sharing.*

**Communion Motet:** O nata lux - Tallis

**Communion Hymn:** 279 - Jesus, on the mountain peak

**Final Hymn:** 766 - Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven (omit verse 4)

**Voluntary:** Toccata - Dubois

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**After the service, you are warmly invited to join us for refreshments,**  
served in the hall by Ian & Jackie Spencer, Margaret Vane, and Arthur Vane.

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**Please keep in your prayers** Oliver Durkan, who is being baptised at St George's this afternoon, and his family and friends as they begin to support him on his journey in faith.

## Hymn

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603  
279 (t.207)  
766 (omit v.4)

**This morning at the 9.30am service, Maggi Creese - recently appointed Chaplain to Survivors for the Diocese - will speak about her work in the sermon.** She will keep her remarks in the service fairly general - but please be aware that this sensitive topic might be triggering for some. Maggi, Clare, and Sue Vernon will be available in the Winskell Room after the service for further discussion.

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**The Churchwardens wish to share the following Vacancy update received from the office of the Bishop of Berwick:** Unfortunately, following a first round of advertising, we did not receive applications from the wider field of candidates we expected for the Vicar of St George and St Hilda. After serious consideration, the Bishop of Berwick and the Interview Panel unanimously decided the best course of action is to re-advertise the post as soon as possible with a new timeline for applications, shortlisting and interviews. Applications received from this first round of advertising will be held on file & reconsidered in the new timeline. We continue to trust that God is calling the right person to serve as Vicar of our parishes & ask you to keep this process in your prayers.

*You are respectfully reminded that the Churchwardens are not permitted to enter into any further communication concerning the vacancy process. We remain very grateful for the support of our interim minister, our own clergy team and of the wider congregation, in so many ways*

**New to St George's? Would you like to be on the electoral roll?** If so, please pick up a form from the back of church and return to Margaret Baron or the parish office. If you have any questions, please speak to Margaret.

**New drivers needed to join the lift rota:** We desperately need more drivers as we have another passenger from Gosforth. Please consider helping with this valuable service which involves lifts to the 9.30am service about once a month. If you are able to help, please give me a ring. Thanks. Margaret Baron (Tel: 07932 180535)

**Collection for Pauline Pearson:** our Area Dean, and former Associate Priest at St George's, is retiring in March. Many will recall that she was a faithful friend and servant to St George's during Nick Chamberlain's time and the subsequent interregnum. If you'd like to contribute towards her retirement gift, please hand to one of the wardens or the Parish Office by Wednesday 14th February. We look forward to welcoming her at Choral Evensong on Sunday 18th February.

**Church Cleaning:** Saturday 17th February, 9.30am. All welcome, no experience of church or any other cleaning required. All materials and instructions provided. Cheaper than a visit to the gym and more fun! [*Citation needed*]

**Getting out of fossil fuels in church:** There will be a presentation of proposals on Feb 25th in the Middleton Room during coffee. Please come and give your input!

**Children North East:** The contents of Box 12 will be blessed at the 9.30 Service today, together with donations from another charity. Everything will be delivered to the Cowgate Centre tomorrow. Thanks to everyone who has made this collection possible. During Lent, may we continue to support the work of CNE by adding items from the Wish List to our regular shopping; in thanksgiving for the blessings of our own lives and so becoming a blessing to others. "*What you do for the least of my brothers and sisters...*"

**Songs of Praise:** last week's episode was based in Newcastle and featured two more of the hymns recorded at St George's last year. It is available on iPlayer at the following link - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m001w2th/songs-of-praise-faith-and-rehabilitation>