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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.
- Book Group:** *Winter in Madrid* by C.J. Sansom. Wednesday 20th March, 7.30pm in the Winskill 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 Winskill 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.



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St George's Church, Jesmond

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

3rd March 2024 - The Third Sunday of Lent



Despair, by Bertha Wegmann

Our Services Today

8am The Eucharist

President & Preacher: Ollie Dempsey

11am The Eucharist at St Hilda's

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11.30am The Eucharist (BCP)

President & Preacher: Clare MacLaren

9.30am Parish Eucharist

President: Chris Wardale

Preacher: Bryan Vernon

Deacon: Malcolm Toft

Sidespeople: Christine Rowland, Saran Lewis

Readers: Tom Klenka, Roy Large

Intercessions: Nigel Russell-Sewell

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 (*St George's*)

Tue 8.45am Morning Prayer (*St Hilda's*)

9.30am The Eucharist (*St Hilda's*)

Wed 8.45am Morning Prayer (*St George's*)

Thu 8.45am Morning Prayer (*St George's*)

9.30am The Eucharist (*St George's*)

Sunday 10th March (Mothering Sunday)

8am The Eucharist

9.30am Parish Eucharist

11am The Eucharist (*St Hilda's*)

6.00pm Taizé

Service Details

Hymn

682
761
847
584

Opening Hymn: 682 - In the cross of Christ I glory

First reading: Exodus 20: 1-17 (p. 68)

Psalm: 88: 1-4, 8-9

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

Refrain: I cry out to you, O Lord, and my prayer shall come before you

O Lord, God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before you. Let my prayer come into your presence; incline your ear to my cry. **R**

For my soul is full of troubles; my life draws near to the land of death. I am counted as one gone down to the Pit; I am like one that has no strength, **R**

Your anger lies heavy upon me, and you have afflicted me with all your waves. You have put my friends far from me and made me to be abhorred by them. **R**

Second Reading: I Corinthians 1: 18-25 (NT p. 162)

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice. Harden not your hearts.

Gospel: John 2: 13-22 (NT p. 89)

- *Smarties (our Junior Church) meets in the Vestry after the Gospel Reading & is led today by Sarah Klenka and Lana Liu. You are welcome to accompany your children if you wish.*

Intercessions: To the words *Hear our prayers, O Lord,*
Please respond **And give ear to our cries.**

Offertory Hymn: 761 - Praise the Lord! Ye heavens, adore him

- *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: Locus iste - Bruckner

Communion Hymn: 847 - Within our darkest night (sing 3 times)

Final Hymn: 584 - All my hope on God is founded

Voluntary: Fugue in D minor - Bruckner

Thank you to all who attended the retirement evensong for Pauline Pearson, and to all who contributed. She was delighted to receive our good wishes and gifts.

Lectern steps: new designs by Ian Ness are available for public view and comment in the main hall (on the wall next to the FOSG board).

Lent at St George's: Run both in-person and online, to suit all availability, this year we are exploring the Psalms, inspired by John Bell from the Iona Community; his book *Living with the Psalms* is a great read (not necessary to have a copy to join). The online group meets Wednesdays at 7.30pm. Please email Bryan on bryanvernon@cantab.net to join.

The in-person group meets Fridays at 2pm in the Winskell Room. Full details of our Lent programme can be found in the blue Lent leaflet. Please take a copy with you.

FOSG present Sunderland Male Voice Choir: Saturday 9th March, 7pm in church. Entry £7 on the door, refreshments available.

FOSG raffle: tickets are still available for the inaugural Friends' raffle with some lovely hampers available as prizes. £5 per book of 5 tickets. The raffle will be drawn at the Friends' annual meeting on 23rd April.

Watch and Pray is a Church of England App you can have on your phone. It gives a simple reflection for each of the days in Lent. Joan recommends it as a gentle way to observe Lent faithfully. It's not too late to start as it's possible to catch up on the days you have missed!!

'Hopeful Lent': Take a pause to join Bishop Helen-Ann for a series of reflections with Evening Prayer this Lent. 7th March – St Aidan's, Morpeth; 21st March – St Bartholomew's, Longbenton. Tea and coffee will be provided from 6.40pm, followed by Evening Prayer with a reflection from Bishop Helen-Ann, ending no later than 7.45pm. No need to book a place, you are very welcome to come.

Jesmond URC Lent group: JURC are studying Wesley Granberg-Michaelson's *Without Oars*, meeting fortnightly on Tuesdays at 6.30pm. All meetings at JURC, NE2 3AE, in the Cuthbert Room (via church back entrance).

Working with Children North East: Thank you to everyone who helped to fill Box 12. Please continue to use these days of Lent to do something extra and continue supporting CNE. Box 13. If shopping is difficult, cash donations may be given to Elizabeth Rhodes or left at the Parish Office and will be used to purchase much needed items.

'What you do for the least of my brothers and sisters...'

Grass cutting rota: Keeping the grass trimmed in front of and around the church is the work of a stalwart band of volunteers, each doing it twice a year. We need some new volunteers. If you could join the grass cutting rota this year, please contact Jim Lowe on jimlowe13@gmail.com.

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.

Planned giving information and forms are also available at the back of church. You can also set up and manage a regular donation online via the following link - <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/jesmond-st-george-newcastle-upon-tyne/>.

After the service, you are warmly invited to join us for refreshments,
served in the hall by John & Anne Clark, and Hilary Cullingford.