



Benefice Newsletter

St George's & St Hilda's Jesmond



A worshipping community: inclusive, nurturing, engaged

Sunday 14th September 2025 - The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Services in the Benefice Today

8am	The Eucharist (<i>St George's</i>)
9.30am	Parish Eucharist (<i>St George's</i>)
11am	The Eucharist (<i>St Hilda's</i>)
1.30pm	Baptism of Ruby (<i>St George's</i>)
6pm	Taizé (<i>St George's</i>)

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Sunday 21st September (14th after Trinity)

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For Participation or Prayer, week beginning 15th September

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All week: Heritage Open Week at both churches. See notices for details.

Office closed until Monday 22nd September.

- Monday: 2pm, Little Saints, St George's Hall
 2pm, Pastoral visit to Craghall
 6pm, Beavers, St George's Hall
 6pm, St Hilda's Standing Committee meeting
 7.30pm, Jesmond WI, St George's Hall
- Tuesday: 8.45am, Morning Prayer, St Hilda's
 9.30am, The Eucharist, St Hilda's
 9.30am, Tuesday Group, St George's
 11am, Growing Larger Churches clergy meeting
 12.30pm, Percy Hedley Chaplaincy
 2pm, Scottish Dancing, St Hilda's Hall
 2.30pm, Meet & Move (referral required)
 7pm, St George's PCC meeting
 7pm, Jesmond Choral Group, St Hilda's Hall
 7.30pm, Newcastle Concert Band
- Wednesday: 10.30am, Reader Supervisor meeting
 2pm, Cornerstone Catch-up via Zoom
 5.30pm, Ballet, St Hilda's Hall
 5.30pm, Cubs, St George's Hall
 7.15pm, Tai Chi, St George's Hall
- Thursday: 8.45am, Morning Prayer, St George's
 9.30am, Holy Communion, St George's
 10.15am, Little Kickers, St George's Hall
 10.30am, Hartbeeps, St Hilda's Hall
 2pm, Pastoral visit to Cestria
 4pm, Director of Music meeting
 5pm, Ballet, St Hilda's Hall
 6.30pm, Junior Choir rehearsal, St George's
 7pm, Choir rehearsal, St George's
- Friday: *9.30am, Lovely Learners, St Hilda's Hall*
 10am, Friday Café, St George's Hall
 11am, Sing & Socialise
 7.30pm, Bell ringing practice, St George's
- Saturday: 9.30am, Church Cleaning, St George's
 7pm, Newcastle Concert Band Autumn Concert, St George's
- Sunday: 3.30pm, Licensing of LGBTQI+ Chaplains, Newcastle Cathedral

Notices

First aid training day: Thursday 18th September, 9am-3.30pm, at St Aidan's Church, Brunton Park. This will give a first aid qualification to be a registered First Aider for events that require one. Cost £40. We're happy to sponsor 2 volunteers who could try to be available for our larger events no more than 2-3 times a year. Currently 7-8 places available, contact janet@stgeorgesjesmond.org.uk ASAP if interested.

'We Believe' Course: a chance to explore what we are saying each time we say the Creed on Sundays. This will also be a course for anyone wishing to be baptised/confirmed in November. Contact Rev. Debbie if you are interested. Beginning Wednesday 24th September, running for 9 weeks at 7.30pm in St Hilda's.

Heritage Open Days at St George's: 13th-20th September. In addition to usual opening times during this week, church will be open on Saturday 13th September, 11.30am-4pm, with a guided tour at 2pm. It will also be open on Saturday 20th September, 11am-1pm. There will be an exhibition on display throughout the week.

And St Hilda's: The church will be open on Saturday 13th & 20th, 11am-4pm and again on Sundays 14th & 21st 12.30-4pm. A rare opportunity to view the full collection of fine Arts & Crafts Frontals & Vestments. Tours: Saturdays 12pm, 1.30pm, 3pm - Sunday: 1.30pm, 3pm. No booking required.

Church cleaning: 20th September, 9.30am. We must finish by 11am so church can open for Heritage Open Week.

FOSG present Newcastle Concert Band: Saturday 20th September, 7pm in church. A wonderfully varied programme is in store, including local traditional, jazz, and classical influences. Tickets are £10 on the door, children under 16 go free with a paying adult. There will be a glass of wine served by the Friends in the interval.

Community Hub Fundraising Concert: Saturday 27th September. *Midnight Miley*, a vibrant Miley Cyrus/Hannah Montana medley by one of the Northeast's leading tribute acts. Expect great sounds, lights, refreshments, Jesmond Ice Cream Co., and raffle. Please share with your younger friends and relations. Doors open 7pm, tickets £10 at Parish Coffee, on the door, or from Eventbrite:

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Spotlight on @6 services: we are beginning a new set of monthly services at St Hilda's, Sunday evenings at 6pm, beginning in October. The first one on Sunday 5th October is Connect@6 which will run on the 1st Sunday of the month. It's a non-Eucharistic service, aimed at connecting with each other and with God through Word, conversation, and food.

Congratulations to all our Great North Runners! Thank you to all who sponsored them. Nick finished the race in 3:16:56, Bryan in 2:47:30, and Arthur in 1:31:14!

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Children North East: we have a box by the north door for an ongoing collection. Wish lists are at the back of church and the box is emptied when it is filled.

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Freshers Week for Northumbria University. We will have a stall there Mon-Weds.

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2pm, Little Saints, St George's Hall
2pm, Pastoral visit to Craghall
6pm, Beavers, St George's Hall
7.15pm, Scouts, St George's Hall
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9.30am, Tuesday Group, St George's
10am, DMPC away day
2pm, Scottish Dancing, St Hilda's Hall
2.30pm, Meet & Move (referral required)
7pm, Jesmond Choral Group, St Hilda's Hall
7.30pm, Newcastle Concert Band
7.30pm, Community Hub meeting
- Wednesday: 9.30am, Coffin received ahead of funeral, St George's
10.30am, Funeral of Professor David Shaw CBE, St George's
5.30pm, Ballet, St Hilda's Hall
5.30pm, Cubs, St George's Hall
7.15pm, Tai Chi, St George's Hall
7.30pm, 'We Believe' course, St Hilda's
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Book Group: the September meeting is this week, 24th September, 7.30pm in the Winskell Room. The book is *Broken Threads* by Mishal Husain.

The October meeting will take place on Wednesday 22nd October, same time and place. The book is *Trees* by Percival Everett.

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Thursday Talk at Jesmond Library: The Geordie Appeaser: Viscount Runciman's Mission to Czechoslovakia in 1938. Thursday 2nd October at 6pm, £3 at the door. Walter Runciman, with his strong links to Jesmond and Doxford, could have been a local hero: but his mission to Czechoslovakia ended in humiliation and was arguably one of the failures which led to World War II. Mike Fraser talks about what went wrong and why these 1938 events are relevant to us today.

Parish Walk: the next walk will take place on Saturday 4th October. A 2-hour circular walk, just over 4 miles from Blyth Beach inland to Meggie's Burn reservoir and back down the coastal path. Easy walking and the delights of Caffè Ginevra at the

end. Plenty of free parking at Blyth Beach. Meet at church at 9.30am. We will gather at the children's playground opposite the cafes at Blyth Beach. If you intend on joining us or want further information, please contact Margaret Baron on 07932180535.

Enkelit in Concert: Sunday 12th October at 3pm, St George's Church. Join us for *Making Waves* - a concert exploring the contemporary Finnish acappella music tradition. Admission is £10 on the door.

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