



Benefice Newsletter

St George's & St Hilda's Jesmond



A worshipping community: inclusive, nurturing, engaged

Sunday 12th October 2025 - Dedication Festival

Services in the Benefice Today

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| 8am | The Eucharist (<i>St George's</i>) |
| 9.30am | Parish Eucharist (<i>St George's</i>) |
| 11am | Mass@11 (<i>St Hilda's</i>) |
| 6pm | Feast@6 (<i>St Hilda's</i>) |
| 6pm | Taizé (<i>St George's</i>) |

Services in the Benefice this Week

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| Tue | 8.45am Morning Prayer (<i>St Hilda's</i>) |
| | 9.30am Communion (<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 19th October (18th after Trinity)

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| 8am | The Eucharist (<i>St George's</i>) |
| 10am | Benefice Service (<i>St George's</i>) |
| | Celebration of Reader Ministry |
| 6pm | Deeper@6 (<i>St Hilda's</i>) |
| 6pm | Choral Evensong (<i>St George's</i>) |

Notices for the next newsletter and additions/removals for the prayer list need to be sent to the Parish Office by 10am on a Thursday.

Life events: please contact Rev. Debbie with initial enquiries about baptisms, weddings, blessings, banns, and funerals.

Giving

If you would like to support the work of the benefice, you can donate via the QR codes below.

St George's



St Hilda's



Social Media



stgeorgesjesmond.org.uk



sthildasjesmond.org.uk



St Hilda's Church, Jesmond
St George's Church, Jesmond



[stgeorgesjesmond](https://www.instagram.com/stgeorgesjesmond)
[sthildasjesmond](https://www.instagram.com/sthildasjesmond)

For Participation or Prayer, week beginning 13th October

For items in italics, please contact the parish office if you wish to join.

- Monday: 10am, St George's wardens' meeting
12.30pm Office staff meeting
2pm, Little Saints, St George's Hall
2pm, Pastoral visit to Craghall
4pm, Reception of Joan Rooney into church, St George's
7pm, Safeguarding meeting
7.15pm, Scouts, 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
10.15am, Collection of Joan Rooney from church, St George's
12.30pm, Percy Hedley Chaplaincy
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, Buildings & Grounds committee meeting
- Wednesday: 12pm, Clergy Induction Day, Church House
5.30pm, Ballet, St Hilda's Hall
5.30pm, Beavers & Cubs, St George's Hall
7.15pm, Tai Chi, St George's Hall
7.30pm, 'We Believe' course, St Hilda's
- 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
10.30am, Pastoral visit to Melton House
2pm, Pastoral visit to Cestria
6.30pm, Junior Choir rehearsal, St George's
7pm, Choir rehearsal, St George's
7pm, Godly Play course
- Friday: 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
2pm, Licensing of Readers, Newcastle Cathedral

Notices

Feast@6: tonight at St Hilda's, 6pm, our first Feast@6 service. A Eucharistic service in Iona or Open Table style, with modern worship music.

Church Cleaning (St G's): Saturday 18th October, 9.30am. All help welcome!

Joan Rooney's coffin will be received in church at 4pm on Monday 13th October, all are welcome to attend this. It will be followed by a private family funeral on the 14th.

Licensing of Readers: Saturday 18th October, 2pm, at the Cathedral. All are welcome to this Eucharist and Licensing of new Readers. Please come along and support Izzy McDonald-Booth as she takes this next step in her call to ministry.

Benefice Service: we will hold our own celebration of reader ministry with a whole benefice service next Sunday, 19th October, 10am at St George's. As well as celebrating Izzy's licensing, Joan is celebrating 40 years of reader ministry.

'We Believe' Course: continuing Wednesdays at 7.30pm in St Hilda's.

Come & Sing Karl Jenkins' The Armed Man: Saturday 8 November, 10.00-16.00. Spend a memorable day of music-making as we invite singers of all voices and experience to join us to rehearse and perform Jenkins' powerful and moving work for Remembrancetide. Tickets £15 (includes score hire), concert at 15.00 free and open to all. Booking essential, link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/come-sing-karl-jenkinss-the-armed-man-tickets-1765546319569>

FOSG: Nigel Russell-Sewell is giving a talk on his 'Journey to the top of the world', Saturday 25th October, 3pm, in the Church Hall. He did what can only be described as the trip of a lifetime through China, Tibet, Nepal and India, and has taken the most amazing photographs. Please don't miss out on the experience. Donations for the preservation of our magnificent building will be so very welcome.

FOSG: In Jesmond we are always ahead of the game! The Friends Christmas cards are now for sale at just £5 for a pack of 10 top of the range cards with envelopes. They are already selling fast. Don't be the one who is too late to buy! They can be bought from Barbara P or from the Parish Office.

Calling all sewers! Children-North East is looking for volunteers to make up some large Story Sacks for their Storytime Adventure. All materials and instructions supplied. If you can help, please contact Hazel via the Parish Office. Thank you.

Thursday Talks at Jesmond Library: 6pm start, £3 entry on the door.

Thursday 16th October: *One of the last North East Shipowners* - Jesmond resident Chris Souter talks about his experiences in his family's shipping business, which was one of the last shipowning firms in the North East. This marked the end of a great tradition which is part of the North East's heritage.

Thursday 23rd October: *The Brothers Grossmith* - Light music enthusiast Charles Linaker tells the story of George and Weedon Grossmith, best known as Gilbert & Sullivan collaborators, but almost equally well known as the authors of comedy classic *Diary of a Nobody*.

Organ Meditations: this recital series at Jesmond URC (NE2 3AE) is well underway, Fridays at 1pm until 24th October. Next up on 17th October is Kris Thomsett (Newcastle Cathedral). These events are free to attend but donations to the Organ Fund are most welcome. Light lunches are available at Layla's Kitchen in the foyer.

Progressive Christianity Network meeting: Tuesday 14th October, 7.15-8.45pm at

Brunswick Church (NE1 7BJ). Theme: finding theology in secular literature, using the book *Reading as if for Life* by David Dickinson. All welcome.

Panto scenery: if anyone is interested in helping Tom paint the scenery flats then please let him know ASAP - tomk1971@mac.com.

If you don't already receive this newsletter electronically and would like to, please let Jonathan know: office@stgeorgesjesmond.org.uk.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday 20th October.

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.

Vicar

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St G's: Sophie Leach (deputy) - safeguarding@stgeorgesjesmond.org.uk

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St H's: Izzy McDonald-Booth (deputy)

The safeguarding, care, and protection of everyone involved in Church activities is the responsibility of all who participate in the life of the Church.

Parish Secretary

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Hours: weekdays except Wednesdays, 9.45am-12.45pm

Music at St George's:

Director of Music: Drew Cantrill-Fenwick, music@stgeorgesjesmond.org.uk

Assistant Director of Music: Nigel Russell-Sewell

Music at St Hilda's

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Bells: John Markham, Tower Captain; bells@stgeorgesjesmond.org.uk

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| <p>Livestreaming: The 9.30am Eucharist, Choral Evensong, and some other main services are livestreamed on the St George's website and YouTube channel. Please sit in the rear side aisles if you don't want to be seen on stream.</p> |
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