

Benefice Newsletter

St George's & St Hilda's Jesmond



A worshipping community: inclusive, nurturing, engaged

Sunday 26th October 2025 - Last Sunday after Trinity

Services in the Benefice Today

8am The Eucharist (St George's)9.30am Parish Eucharist (St George's)

11am Mass@11 (St Hilda's)
6pm Home@6 (St Hilda's)

Services in the Benefice this Week

Tue 8.45am Morning Prayer (St Hilda's)

9.30am Communion (St Hilda's)

Thu 8.45am Morning Prayer (St George's)

9.30am The Eucharist (St George's)

Sunday 2nd November (All Saints)

8am The Eucharist (St George's)
9.30am Parish Eucharist (St George's)

11am Mass@11 (St Hilda's) 6pm Connect@6 (St Hilda's) **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



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For Participation or Prayer, week beginning 27th October

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

Monday: 12.30pm, Office staff meeting

2pm, Interment of Patricia Winskell 2pm, Little Saints, St George's Hall 2pm, Pastoral visit to Craghall 7.15pm, Scouts, St George's Hall

Tuesday: 8.45am, Morning Prayer, St Hilda's

9.30am, Holy Communion, St Hilda's 9.30am, Tuesday Group, St George's 2pm, Scottish Dancing, St Hilda's Hall 2.30pm, Meet & Move (referral required) 7pm, Jesmond Choral Group, St Hilda's Hall

7pm, Ministry Team meeting 7.30pm, Newcastle Concert Band

Wednesday: 1pm, Wedding of Ben and Bri, St George's

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 2pm, Pastoral visit to Cestria 7pm, Choir rehearsal, St George's

Friday: 10am, Friday Café, St George's Hall

11am, Sing & Socialise

7.30pm, Bell ringing practice, St George's

Saturday: 10am, Welcomer training, the Vicarage

Notices

Home@6: LGBTQI+ Inclusive Service tonight at 6pm, St Hilda's. The service is followed by social time at the Lonsdale. Any enquiries please talk to Izzy, David or Revd Debbie, or email homeat6church@gmail.com.

A huge thank you to all who so generously contributed to the Gift Day last week. We have raised an incredible £5009.71 (including Gift Aid) for church funds! This doesn't include the increases to regular giving, for which we are also extremely grateful. All of this will make a big difference.

All Souls' Day service: 4pm on Sunday 2 November. A peace-filled service to remember those we love who have died, to give thanks for their lives and to light a

EARLY WARNING: Christmas Market Saturday 6th December

Help from old hands and new volunteers hugely welcome. Please contact Hazel, Mike or Linsley, linsleylunt@aol.com

Also needed: toys, plants, gifts, cakes, preserves, bottles etc. Thank you.

candle in a period of reflection. All welcome: please invite any friends and neighbours who have experienced a recent bereavement.

Everyday Normal: Sarah Jones and the Reality of being Trans: Monday 3rd November, 7pm, at St Hilda's Church. Sarah was the first person to be ordained in the Church of England having previously made a gender change. The session will offer an entertaining exploration for those who would like to understand trans issues for themselves from someone who can speak from personal experience on the everyday reality of being trans.

In Sarah's own words, "We'll think about the issues and the concerns of today and we'll look to the future to see what that might hold. We'll laugh together. We might cry." This is free to attend but please book your place via the link below.

https://tickets.myiknowchurch.co.uk/gb/NzY5MC0xMjc/t

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

Parish Walk, 8th November (please note corrected date): Meet at Ilford Road Metro southbound platform at 9.30am prompt (for 9.33am metro). A 4.2 mile urban walk on paved walkways via Summerhill Square and Elswick Park looking at features of old Elswick. Register your interest with Jackie or Ian Spencer as numbers needed for cafe stop.

Thank you to all who supported the Community Hub lecture by Professor Roy Taylor which attracted a good crowd and raised £400. Community hub Ceilidh 2025 is on Saturday, the 22nd of November. The £15 ticket price includes a pie supper and an evening of dancing to the excellent Ceilidh Knights. BYO drinks. Last year's event was a sellout. Tickets on sale next week - or book early on Eventbrite!

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.

Ever thought of being a Charity Trustee? Shine On is a local charity supporting older people in Newcastle to live independently, stay connected and shine on. They urgently need new trustees to join the board. If you would like to know more please contact contact@shineoncharity.org.uk.

'Faith on the Margins' conference: organised by the Centre for Autism and

Theology, this online conference takes place from 5th-7th November, 11am-5.30pm, and is free to attend. You can find more information and register by going to the following link - https://linktr.ee/autism_and_theology - and clicking 'Register...'.

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

Thursday 6th November: *The Mysteries of Cheesemaking* - Award-winning independent cheesemonger Moz Murphy (from "Grate" on Jesmond Road) shares some secrets of cheesemaking, provides some British & Irish cheeses to taste, and offers advice on how to put together a Christmas cheeseboard.

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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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

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Organ Scholar: Michelle Zhou

Music at St Hilda's

Organist: David Whittaker, organist.sthildasjesmond@gmail.com

Pastoral Care: Joan Grenfell, Anna Chaplain; grenfelljoan@yahoo.com **Bells:** John Markham, Tower Captain; bells@stgeorgesjesmond.org.uk

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.