



# Benefice Newsletter

St George's & St Hilda's Jesmond



*A worshipping community: inclusive, nurturing, engaged*

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025 - The Third Sunday of Advent

## **The hearing loop is not working this Sunday**

Apologies for the inconvenience. It will be fixed by next Sunday.

### **Services in the Benefice Today**

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	Taizé ( <i>St George's</i> )
6pm	Blue Christmas ( <i>St Hilda's</i> )

### **Services in the Benefice this Week**

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 21<sup>st</sup> December (4<sup>th</sup> of Advent)**

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	9 Lessons and Carols ( <i>St George's</i> )
6pm	Deeper@6 ( <i>St Hilda'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



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## For Participation or Prayer, week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> December:

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

- Monday: 8am-12pm, NHSG rehearsal in church  
11.30am, Clergy Chapter lunch  
12-6pm, RGS rehearsal in church  
2pm, Little Saints, St George's Hall  
2pm, Pastoral visit to Craghall  
6.30pm, St Hilda's Standing Committee meeting  
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  
1pm, Percy Hedley Chaplaincy  
*2pm, Scottish Dancing, St Hilda's Hall*  
*2.30pm, Meet & Move (referral required)*  
*7pm, Jesmond Choral Group, St Hilda's Hall*  
6pm, RGS Carol Service, St George's  
7pm, Advent course meeting - Kings, on Zoom
- Wednesday: 8.45am, Morning Prayer, St George's  
9.30am, Holy Communion, St George's  
9.30am, Prayers for the sick and other concerns, 3 High Laws  
3pm, St George's Standing Committee meeting  
*5.30pm, Ballet, St Hilda's Hall*  
5.30pm, Beavers & Cubs, St George's Hall  
7pm, St George's Community Choir, St George's Church  
7pm, Ministry Team meeting  
7.15pm, Tai Chi, St George's Hall
- Thursday: 9am, NHSG Carol Service, 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: 9.30am, Church Cleaning, St George's
- Sunday: 3-5.15pm, Open House at the Vicarage  
6pm, 9 Lessons and Carols, St George's

### Notices

**Advent Course:** continues on Tuesday evenings, 7pm on Zoom. The next session will focus on the kings. Please speak to Debbie if you would like more information. The Zoom link is below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82112676995?pwd=MnmEGA1Adq37rT5HJonI29BhM6ugkg.1>

## Christmas Services

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December

6pm, 9 Lessons and Carols, *St George's*

9pm, Bethlehem Mass, *St Hilda's*

11.30pm, Midnight Mass, *St George's*

### Christmas Eve

2.30pm, Christingle, *St George's Hall*  
*then Church*

6pm, Carol Service, *St George's*

### Christmas Day

9.30am, Parish Eucharist, *St George's*

11am, Mass@11, *St Hilda's*

**A huge thank you to** all who worked to make the Christmas Market happen and to all who turned up share in the occasion. Over £4,200 was raised for church funds!

**Vicarage open house:** Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December, 3-5.15pm. All welcome before heading over to church for 9 Lessons and Carols.

**Church Cleaning:** Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 9.30am. As the last one of the year and the big one pre-Christmas, it would be great to have as much help as possible.

**Hub Advent Appeal:** After the success of the 2024 advent appeal which raised £17,000 from a variety of sources, the 2025 Christmas Hub Appeal is under way. Let's hope we can match last year's remarkable success.

**I am delighted to announce some excellent news.** St Georges community hub has been awarded a grant of £50,000 from the Garfield Weston foundation. We were particularly pleased to receive this generous contribution as our application had been only for £20,000. It's a great encouragement for us all to keep faith that we will get there in the end if we all pull together. Rev Debbie

**Making St George's extra special this Christmas:** Anyone who did not have a chance to donate to Christmas flowers (or who finds their contactless payment failed to activate due to malfunction of our device last Sunday) can donate on <https://givealittle.co/c/21fgOINjql10Oqkrh0c0o2>.

**Jam Jars:** Alison Mattinson is planning to make marmalade and would be grateful for jam jars especially Bonne Maman jars. Hopefully there will be some marmalade to purchase in January in memory of Liz Rhodes and in aid of the organ restoration project. Please leave them at the back of church or in the office. Thank you.

**Tree planting on the Town Moor:** some of the Eco group will be joining Northeast Community Forest to plant trees on the Town Moor, on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January. If you would like to join you can find more info and sign up via:

<https://northeastcommunityforest.org.uk/volunteer-us>

**Parish Walk:** The next Parish Walk will be Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January and will be led by Alison and Peter Mattinson. A 4-5 mile flat, pavement walk from St George's Church to St Nicholas' Cathedral where we will stop for coffee. We will then continue over the High Level Bridge and back over the Swing Bridge to catch the Q3 bus back to St George's. Please meet outside the church hall by 9.30am. Please let me know if you are coming or need more information via the Parish Office.

**Loose Ladies:** The People's Theatre, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026 7.30pm to see Agatha Christie's Miss Marple – The Mirror Cracked. All welcome. Tickets £16 / £13.50 from Alison Mattinson.

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**Book Group:** the next meeting of the church book group is on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January, 8pm in the Winskell Room. Please note the later start time, to enable those going to the Community Choir to attend both. The book is *The Henna Artist* by Alka Joshi.

**Dalemain competition:** we will again be a drop-off point for entries to the annual Dalemain marmalade competition. In the new year (**not** before Christmas!) you will be able to leave entries at the Parish Office during opening hours, until 23<sup>rd</sup> January. For more information on entering: <https://www.dalemain.com/>

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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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### **Vicar**

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### **Parish Safeguarding Officers**

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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](mailto:music@stgeorgesjesmond.org.uk)

Assistant Director of Music: Nigel Russell-Sewell

Organ Scholar: Michelle Zhou

### **Music at St Hilda's**

Organist: David Whittaker, [organist.sthildasjesmond@gmail.com](mailto:organist.sthildasjesmond@gmail.com)

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<p><b>Livestreaming:</b> 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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