



Benefice Newsletter

St George's & St Hilda's Jesmond



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Sunday 1st February 2026 - Candlemas

Services in the Benefice Today

8am	The Eucharist (St George's)
9.30am	Parish Eucharist (St George's)
11am	Mass@11 (St Hilda's)
1pm	Air Cadet Sunday service (St George'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 8th February (2nd before Lent)

8am	The Eucharist (St George's)
9.30am	Parish Eucharist (St George's)
11am	Mass@11 (St Hilda's)
6pm	Taizé (St George'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



A Rocha Eco Tip - February 2026: This Lent, take part in Climate Steward's Carbon Fast. Lent is a time when Christians traditionally fast and focus on God. The Carbon Fast will help you consider ways to live more simply, give you new ideas to cut your carbon footprint and invite you to focus on God and consider the whole of his creation. Find out more/sign up at climatestewards.org/resources/carbon-fast/

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For Participation or Prayer, week beginning 2nd February:

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

Monday: 10.30am, *Hartbeeps, St Hilda's Hall*
11am, *Tyneside Mandolin Orchestra, St George's Hall*
12.30pm, Office staff meeting
2pm, Little Saints, St George's Hall
2pm, Pastoral visit to Craghall
2pm, Knit & Natter, St Hilda's
7pm, Panto rehearsal, 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, Panto rehearsal, St George's Hall

Wednesday: 9.30am, Prayers for the sick and other concerns, 3 High Laws
9.30am, Newcastle University Chaplaincy
11am, Line Dancing (U3A), St George's Hall
2.30pm, Living Faith, St Hilda's
5.30pm, *Ballet, St Hilda's Hall*
5.30pm, *Beavers & Cubs, St George's Hall*
7pm, St George's Community Choir, St George's
7pm, Panto rehearsal, St George's

Thursday: 8.45am, Morning Prayer, St George's
9.30am, Holy Communion, St George's
10.15am, *Little Kickers, St George's Hall*
11.30am, Uni Chaplaincy team meeting
2pm, Pastoral visit to Cestria
3.30pm, Theology and Poetry: a talk by Jay Hulme, the Cathedral
3.30pm, *Dancing with Stars, St Hilda's Hall*
7pm, Choir rehearsal, St George's

Friday: 10am, Friday Café, St George's Hall
11am, Sing & Socialise
7.30pm, Pantomime, St George's Hall
7.30pm, Bell ringing practice, St George's

Saturday: 3pm & 7.30pm, Pantomime, St George's Hall

Notices

All the @6 services are cancelled in February. They will be back in March but at 4pm (@4) instead.

Who Stole the Ladybird's Spots? Tickets are now available from the office or any cast member for this most excellent of pantomimes. 6th February at 19:30 and 7th February at 15:00 and 19:30. At £5 including refreshments they are a bargain!

Help needed part 1: Please bake some cakes for the pantomime. They can be left in the church office any time the week before, or bring them on the day of the performance. **Help needed part 2:** We urgently need volunteers to serve those cakes and the drinks during the interval. Please sign the list at the back of church if you can help. 6th February at 19:30 and 7th February at 15:00 and 19:30. **Help needed part 3:** We will also need volunteers to help put up the stage after the 09:30 service today please.

The February Lance is now available to collect from church & read online.

Marmalade – Alison Mattinson has made lots of jars of marmalade in memory of Elizabeth Rhodes and to raise money for the St George's Organ Restoration Fund. If you would like some marmalade and to make a donation, please let Alison or the Parish Office know. Thank you for all the jam jars! Please return the jars if possible and keep collecting Bonne Maman jars – there is a box at the back of church.

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

5th February: Understanding Cognition in Adults. Abi Price of Newcastle University is giving us the chance to get a sneak preview of some of the world-leading science going on here on Tyneside - she talks about her ongoing research into memory and thinking in the human brain.

12th February: Road, Wall and Rail: the Newcastle to Carlisle Crossing. Local historian Margaret Boxic talks about the various ways of crossing the Tyne Gap from Newcastle to Carlisle - including the abortive canal proposal, which is one of northern history's great might-have-beens.

Gardens competition organiser: In recent years a valued part of the Jesmond Community Festival has been a Gardens Competition, aimed not so much at private gardens but at improving the street scene for walkers and local residents. The Festival are looking to recruit 2 or 3 new competition organisers who could help firm up the criteria for this year's event and "judge" entries to the competition. It isn't essential that you are a keen gardener yourself, just someone who enjoys looking at other people's gardens as you walk by. If you are interested or want to know more, contact Chris Clarke on chrisclarkenewbrough@gmail.com.

A Window into Quiet Kindness: The Chemist's Window in Newcastle Cathedral has been named a finalist in a national competition to find the country's favourite C of E cathedral window. It is one of the final 12 in this campaign run by the Association of English Cathedrals, inspired by the book *Divine Light* by Janet Gough OBE. To vote for the window and have a chance to win a copy of the book, go to the following link: [tinyurl.com/Chemist Window](https://tinyurl.com/ChemistWindow)

Sir Sandy Macara Lecture: Thursday 26th February, 6.30-8.30pm. This year the lecture will be delivered by Alice Wiseman, Director of Public Health in Gateshead and Newcastle, a Vice-President of the Association of Directors of Public Health, and a former member of our congregation. Anyone with an interest in Public Health is welcome to attend. The lecture will focus on local public health, health

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inequalities and working across professions and specialties. The event is hybrid, virtually by Teams or in-person at Newcastle University.

Children North East: Thank you for all the knitting and generous gifts of children's clothes received recently. The CNE Families' Unit would especially appreciate baby wipes and antibacterial wipes as well as nappies of all sizes (not too many newborn). New knitters always welcome: patterns on the website and wish lists at the back of church and donations in the box by the north door.

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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:

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Music at St Hilda's

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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.