



# Benefice Newsletter

## St George's & St Hilda's Jesmond



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Sunday 1st March 2026 - The Second Sunday of Lent

### Services in the Benefice Today

- 8am** The Eucharist (*St George's*)
- 9.30am** Parish Eucharist (*St George's*)
- 11am** Morning Worship@11 (*St Hilda's*)
- 4pm** Home@4 (*St Hilda's*)

### Services in the Benefice this Week

- Tue 8.45am Morning Prayer (*St Hilda's*)
- 9.30am The Eucharist (*St Hilda's*)
- Thu 8.45am Morning Prayer (*St George's*)
- 9.30am The Eucharist (*St George's*)

### Sunday 8th March (3rd of Lent)

- 8am The Eucharist (*St George's*)
- 9.30am Parish Eucharist (*St George's*)
- 11am Parish Eucharist@11 (*St Hilda's*)
- 4pm Deeper@4 (*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 - March 2026:** take part in a local litter pick or beach clean during **The Great British Spring Clean** (Friday 13th-Sunday 29th March), the nation's biggest mass-action environmental campaign. Find out more and pledge to pick up a bag at: [keepbritaintidy.org/our-work/eliminating-litter/great-british-spring-clean](http://keepbritaintidy.org/our-work/eliminating-litter/great-british-spring-clean)

### Social Media



stgeorgesjesmond.org.uk



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## For Participation or Prayer, week beginning 2nd March:

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

- Monday: 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 and Natter, St Hilda's  
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  
12.30pm, Percy Hedley Chaplaincy  
*2pm, Scottish Dancing, St Hilda's Hall*  
*2.30pm, Meet & Move (referral required)*  
7pm, Jesmond Community Forum, Jesmond Library  
7.30pm, Calling a Wounded Earth Home, St Hilda's  
7.30pm, Newcastle Concert Band, St George's Hall
- Wednesday: 9.30am, Newcastle Uni Chaplaincy  
9.30am, Prayers for the sick and other concerns, 3 High Laws  
11am, The "I AM" sayings of Jesus, Winskell Room  
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*  
7.15pm, Tai Chi, St George's Hall
- Thursday: 8.45am, Morning Prayer, St George's  
9.30am, The Eucharist (followed by refreshments in the  
Winskell Room), St George's  
*10.15am, Little Kickers, St George's Hall*  
2pm, Pastoral Visit to Cestria  
*3.30pm, Dancing with Stars, St Hilda's Hall*  
4.30pm, St George's Standing Committee meeting  
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, Parish Walk (see notices)

### **Notices**

**Deeper@4:** 8th March, 4pm at St Hilda's Church. A time of reflection & discussion where we go deeper into a particular topic related to faith and explore it together.

**Easter Flowers:** join as at Parish Coffee today for St David's Day drinks to help fund our Easter flowers.

**Lent:** Tuesdays, 7.30pm, St Hilda's: Calling a Wounded Earth Home. A course about environmental impact and our responsibility to be good stewards of creation. Wednesdays, 11am, Winskell Room: The "I am" Sayings of Jesus. Two opportunities to join with others throughout Lent.

**Churchwarden vacancy:** ahead of the 2026 Annual Parish meetings on 10th May, the PCC is keen to recruit a Trainee Warden to work alongside Janet and the team of Assistant Wardens until spring 2027, at which point the trainee would hopefully take over as warden while Janet joins the roster of Assistant Wardens, who between them undertake many of the Churchwarden's duties.

Expressions of interest are invited from those eligible to apply, i.e. aged 21 years or over, on the electoral roll of the parish and baptised, an active communicant member of the congregation. Please contact Rev. Debbie in the first instance.

**Church Walk** The next walk will take place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March. It is 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. Please let me know if you would like to join us. Margaret Baron Tel: 07932 180535.

**Eco group - Sustainable Clothing:** The Eco group will be in the hall at Parish coffee on March 8th with some thoughts, questions and a few answers about choices we make when shopping for clothes. There will be displays, samples and a quiz with a prize! Save the date!

**Walking Aid:** a brand new, 3-wheeler walking aid, fitted with basket and seat is available for free to anyone who can make good use of it. It is red in colour and folds up. Collection from Sandyford required. Please speak to Eve Fee or contact Jonathan in the office if you are interested.

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

5th March: Men and Women of Jesmond in the Great War, 1914-18: Local historian Dr Robert Shiel explores the role played by Jesmond residents in World War 1.

12th March: Bob Dylan and "that thin wild mercury sound": Many aficionados of popular music regard the 1966 double album *Blonde on Blonde* as Bob Dylan's finest work. Local historian (and Dylanologist) Mike Fraser celebrates the 60th anniversary of its release with a talk exploring Dylan's creative development and key creative decisions which enabled him to reach this peak.

**The Big Plastic Count:** In previous years, The Big Plastic Count has revealed that most of our plastic isn't actually recycled... The majority is burned in the UK, and the rest is sent overseas or to landfill, harming the health of many communities, *especially* those hit hardest by inequality. From 9th-15th March, thousands of schools, households and communities around the UK will count the plastic packaging they throw away. This evidence will be used to keep pushing the government to take urgent action to tackle the plastics crisis. Sign up to take part via: <https://thebigplasticcount.com/sign-up>

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**Tyneside Fiddle Alliance present Hjaltibonhoga:** Saturday 14th March, 7pm at St George's. Join us for an evening of traditional and Shetland music from the International Fiddle Community group, *Hjaltibonhoga*. The Tyneside Fiddle Alliance are hosting the group and will start the concert. Refreshments will be available during the interval and there will be a raffle. Tickets are £7.50 (u18s free), you can pay cash on the door or get them online in advance from:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/tyneside-fiddle-alliance>

**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.

### **Vicar**

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### **Churchwardens**

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### **Parish Safeguarding Officers**

St G's: Dr Graham Rutt - 07555 943390, safeguarding@stgeorgesjesmond.org.uk

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

St H's: Jane Young - 0191 266 1822

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**

Jonathan Richards - 0191 281 1659, office@stgeorgesjesmond.org.uk

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

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; jmarkham@btinternet.com

**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.