



Benefice Newsletter

St George's & St Hilda's Jesmond



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Sunday 8th February 2026 - The Second Sunday before Lent

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	Taizé (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 15th February (Next before Lent)

8am	The Eucharist (St George's)
9.30am	Parish Eucharist (St George's)
11am	Mass@11 (St Hilda's)
6pm	Choral Evensong (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 9th 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, Newcastle Uni Chaplaincy team 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
 11am, Percy Hedley coffee morning
 1pm, Percy Hedley Chaplaincy
 2pm, Scottish Dancing, St Hilda's Hall
 2.30pm, Meet & Move (referral required)
 3.30pm Pastoral Team meeting, Winskell Room
 4.30pm, Joint wardens meeting
 7.30pm, Newcastle Concert Band, St George's Hall
 7.30pm, C&YP committee meeting

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
 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 (followed by refreshments in the
 Winskell Room), St George's
 10.15am, Little Kickers, St George's Hall
 2pm, Pastoral visit
 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, Bell ringing practice, St George's

Saturday: 9.30am, Parish Walk
 10am, Bereavement Café, Winskell Room
 3pm, Renewal of Vows service, St George's

Sunday: 6pm, Facing the Oncoming Storm: Strategic Adaptation for
 Emergency Resilience, Haltwhistle Hospital

Notices

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

A huge thank you to Graham Rutt and all the actors, musicians, writers, bakers, stewards, and anyone who helped in any way to bring this year's pantomime to fruition! A great deal of fun and silliness was had as usual.

FOSG, Darling Dollies: a huge thank you to everyone for the amazing turnout, the wonderful cakes, biscuits, meringues, sausage rolls, and other delicacies which brought cries of admiration all round; and for the help given in running the event and serving the food. It was the best ever and such a happy afternoon.

Church cleaning will take place next Saturday, 14th February, at 9.30am. All help most welcome.

Church Walk: Saturday 14th February. Neville Walker will lead us around a 5-mile route starting and finishing at Causey Arch car park. Going via Copy Lane to Beamish Hall, through the western side of Beamish Woods then descending to Kip Hill and following the Tanfield Road to the western end of Causey Burn. Meet at St George's at 9.30am or Causey Arch car park at 10.15am. Please register your interest with Lorna Taylor - taylorlorna@aol.com.

Ash Wednesday, 18th February: 9.30am at St Hilda's and 7.30pm at St George's, both Eucharistic services including the imposition of ashes. Please return last year's palm crosses ASAP. There is a basket at the back of church for them.

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, Winskill Room: The "I am" Sayings of Jesus. Two opportunities to join with others throughout Lent.

2026 dates for your diary: 23rd April, 7.30pm, St George's Day Folk Mass with the Community Choir; 16th May, 12-3pm, Spring Fete; 26th November, 12-3pm, Christmas Market.

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. **It is nearly all gone!** 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.

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.

19th February: Understanding Inheritance Tax (IHT): Callum Thomson, Solicitor and Assistant Professor at Northumbria University, follows up his talk on "Wills and LPAs" by exploring how IHT works. He will cover thresholds, exemptions, issues

arising from lifetime gifts, & how IHT is dealt with in the estates of deceased people.

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

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

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

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Bells: John Markham, Tower Captain; jlmarkham@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.