



Benefice Newsletter

St George's & St Hilda's Jesmond



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Sunday 15th March 2026 - Mothering Sunday

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** Feast@4 (*St Hilda's*)
- 6pm** Choral Evensong (*St George'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 22nd March (Passion Sunday)

- 8am The Eucharist (*St George's*)
- 9.30am Parish Eucharist (*St George's*)
- 11am Parish Eucharist@11 (*St Hilda's*)
- 2.30pm Baptism of Rory (*St George's*)
- 4pm Taizé@4 (*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



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

Social Media



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For Participation or Prayer, week beginning 16th March:

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

- Monday: **Office hours today: 12.30-3.30pm**
12.30pm, Office staff meeting
2pm, Little Saints, St George's Hall
2pm, Pastoral visit to Craghall
7.30pm, Jesmond WI, 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
10am, Clergy Study Day
2pm, Scottish Dancing, St Hilda's Hall
2.30pm, Meet & Move (referral required)
7pm, National Heritage Lottery Fund meeting
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
2pm, Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee meeting
5.30pm, Ballet, St Hilda's Hall
5.30pm, Beavers & Cubs, St George's Hall
7pm, Community Choir, St George's Church
7.15pm, Tai Chi, St George's Hall
7.30pm, St George's PCC meeting, Winskell Room
- 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
11.30am, University Chaplains meeting
2pm, Pastoral Visit to Cestria
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, Church cleaning, St George's
- Sunday: 2.30pm, Baptism of Rory

Notices

Taizé@4: 22nd March, 4pm at St Hilda's Church. A space for prayer, contemplation, and reflection in the Taizé style.

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.

Tomorrow, the parish office will open from 12.30-3.30pm instead of usual hours.

Church Cleaning takes place next Saturday, 21st March, at 9.30am. All help most welcome! The April date will be on the 3rd Saturday (18th April) as usual BUT the May date will be a week early on 9th May due to the Spring Fete on 16th May.

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.

New Youth Choir: The music team is looking for young singers to be part of a brand new choir at St George's! If you know a child between the ages of 11-16 who loves to sing and would like to try their hand at being a chorister, we would love to meet them at our very first rehearsal on 22nd April at 5.30pm. No auditions: we're looking for enthusiasm, energy and a love of singing. Please pick up a flyer from the back of church for more information on how to sign up. If you have any questions at all, please contact Bryony or Drew at music@stgeorgesjesmond.org.uk.

Children's Society: if you have a collection box, please bring it to church next Sunday. Thanks, Monica.

Volunteers needed to cut the church grass: Keeping the grass trimmed in front of and around the church is the work of a stalwart band of volunteers, each doing it twice a year. We really need some new volunteers. If you could join the grass cutting rota this year, please contact Jim Lowe on jimlowe13@gmail.com. Please!

The church Book Group next meet on Wednesday 25th March **at 2pm** in the Winskell Room. The book is *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah. We will also discuss *My Father's House* by Joseph O'Connor.

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.

19th March: Finding Sanctuary: creating natural gardens in urban spaces. Dr Juno Quaintrell talks about urban gardening - how to make the best of limited spaces and how it can help our wellbeing.

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26th March: Administering an Estate: Dr Callum Thomson of Northumbria University follows up his very popular talks on Wills and LPAs and Inheritance Tax with a talk on this related topic. Executing the Will of a loved one or friend is a duty which falls on many of us at some point in our lives. Callum will take us through some of the key processes: obtaining probate, identifying assets, safeguarding assets, dealing with tax and making distributions to beneficiaries.

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

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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

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

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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.