



# Benefice Newsletter

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



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Sunday 8th March 2026 - The Third Sunday of Lent

### Services in the Benefice Today

- 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*)

### 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 15th March (Mothering Sunday)

- 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*)

**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](https://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 9th 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  
7pm, Eco Group meeting  
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  
*2pm, Scottish Dancing, St Hilda's Hall*  
*2.30pm, Meet & Move (referral required)*  
5.30pm, Joint Churchwardens 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, Deanery Development Group 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, Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting
- 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*  
11am, Hub Committee Meeting with the Badur Foundation  
12.30pm, Uni Chaplaincy Team meeting  
2pm, Pastoral Visit to Cestria  
*3.30pm, Dancing with Stars, St Hilda's Hall*  
7pm, Choir rehearsal, St George's  
7.30pm, Diocesan Together group meeting with Nic Tall
- Friday: 10am, Friday Café, St George's Hall  
11am, Sing & Socialise  
7.30pm, Bell ringing practice, St George's
- Saturday: 10am, Bereavement Café, St George's Hall  
7pm, Hjaltibonhoga & Tyneside Fiddle Alliance concert, St George's

### Notices

**Today: Eco group - Sustainable Clothing:** The Eco group will be in the hall at Parish coffee with some thoughts, questions and a few answers about choices we

make when shopping for clothes. There will be displays, samples & a prize quiz!

**Feast@4:** 15th March, 4pm at St Hilda's Church. A Eucharist service in Iona or Open Table style, with modern worship music.

**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.

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

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

**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.

12th March: Bob Dylan and "that thin wild mercury sound": Local historian (and Dylanologist) Mike Fraser celebrates the 60th anniversary of the release of *Blonde on Blonde* with a talk exploring Dylan's creative development and key creative decisions which enabled him to reach this peak.

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.

**Alison's Marmalade:** Thank you to everyone who bought marmalade and supported the appeal in memory of Liz Rhodes. It raised £350 + gift aid for The Organ Restoration Fund. Please continue to save Bonne Maman jars for me and they can be left in a box at the back of church.

**On Monday 16th March the parish office** will open from 12.30-3.30pm instead of in the morning.

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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**

Debbie Loughran - 07776 922580, rev\_debbie@hotmail.com

### **Churchwardens**

St G's: Janet Wilson - 07766 297359, janet@stgeorgesjesmond.org.uk

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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.