



Benefice Newsletter

St George's & St Hilda's Jesmond



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Sunday 26th April 2026 - The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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** Taizé@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 3rd May (5th of Easter)

- 8am The Eucharist (*St George's*)
- 9.30am Parish Eucharist (*St George's*)
- 11am Morning Worship@11 (*St Hilda's*)
- 1.30pm Baptism of Lyla (*St George's*)
- 4pm Home@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 - April 2026: Celebrate new life this Easter and have a go at growing something! April is the perfect time to try to grow something edible or, if you are a seasoned gardener, to encourage someone else to try. Salad leaves or herbs are a great place to start and will reduce your reliance on those oh-so-convenient supermarket salad bags...

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For Participation or Prayer, week beginning 27th April:

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

- Monday: 10am, ADDO meeting
11am, *Tyneside Mandolin Orchestra, St George's Hall*
12pm, Interment of Joan Rooney, St George's
12.30pm, Office staff meeting
2pm, Little Saints, St George's Hall
2pm, Pastoral visit to Craghall
7pm, Marriage Preparation meeting, Winskell Room
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
1pm, Percy Hedley Chaplaincy
2pm, *Scottish Dancing, St Hilda's Hall*
2.30pm, *Meet & Move (referral required)*
3pm, Candidates panel interview
7.30pm, Newcastle Concert Band, St George's Hall
7.30pm, Hub committee meeting (check with Janet)
7.30pm, Paradis concert (see notices), St George's
- Wednesday: [Stage 2 panel tbc]
9.30am, Prayers for the sick and other concerns, 3 High Laws
9.30am, University chaplaincy
11am, Line Dancing (U3A), St George's Hall
2pm, Book Group, Winskell Room
5.30pm, *Ballet, St Hilda's Hall*
5.30pm, *Beavers & Cubs, St George's Hall*
5.30pm, Youth Choir rehearsal, St George's
7pm, Community Choir, St George's
7.15pm, Tai Chi, St George's Hall
- Thursday: [Stage 2 panel tbc]
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*
8.30pm, Choral Compline, St George's
- Friday: [Stage 2 panel tbc]
10am, Friday Café, St George's Hall
11am, Sing & Socialise
1pm, Lunchtime Recital, St George's
7.30pm, Bell ringing practice, St George's
- Saturday: 7pm, Ravenswood Singers concert, St Hilda's
- Sunday: 1.30pm, Baptism of Lyla, St George's

Notices

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.

The APCM at St Hilda's will take place on Sunday 3rd May during the 11am service. There are vacancies on PCC and Deanery Synod so if you would like to stand there are nomination forms at the back of church.

The APCM at St George's will take place on Sunday 10th May during the 9.30am service. There are vacancies on PCC and Deanery Synod so if you would like to stand there are nomination forms at the back of church.

Safeguarding - important. We are overhauling our safeguarding processes at St George's to ensure that it really is a safe place for everyone. Part of this means knowing who does what, and having a role description for the organiser and volunteers of **every** group or activity. We have identified what we think is an accurate list of what we do and who does what and sent it to the relevant people. If you organise any activity at St George's and have not had an email, please contact us (details on the back page). As you will appreciate, in the current circumstances, this is really important.

Safeguarding Training If a role you undertake at St George's needs you to have Safeguarding training - or you are just interested - please note we are running a Basic, Foundation and Domestic Abuse course - 14:00 April 29th at St Georges Church Hall (those who only need the Domestic Abuse Training please make sure you arrive by 15:30). RSVP please so that I can gauge how many biscuits and teabags to source. Safeguarding@stgeorgesjesmond.org.uk.

Patronal Festival events: The flute and harp duo, Paradis, will give a concert on Tuesday 28 April at 19.30, and our annual series of lunchtime recitals begins on Friday 1 May at 13.00. Please pick up fliers from the back of church and help get the word out. We hope to see you at an event soon!

Do you donate using Planned Giving Numbered Envelopes? If so, please collect your new box from the back of church. Many thanks for your continued support!

Ravenswood Singers: celebrating 40 fabulous years of song! Saturday 2nd May at St Hilda's. Tickets are £10 which includes a glass of wine. Available on the door or in advance via <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-ravenswood-singers-tickets-1987516751105>.

Donald asks for you to think of him this Sunday as he tackles the London Marathon. April is Teenage and Young Adult cancer awareness month and Donald
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is running in aid of Children with Cancer UK (<https://2026tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/donaldgaze>). Go Donald!

Christian Aid Week: we welcome donations for wine and cake to support Christian Aid during coffee after the APCM on 10th May. If you are able to offer something sweet or savoury please email Janet (janet@stgeorgesjesmond.org.uk) and Hazel (hazeljoneslee@btinternet.com).

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.