



# Benefice Newsletter

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



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Sunday 10th May 2026 - The Sixth Sunday of Easter & APCM

### 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@4 (*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*)
- 7.30pm Ascension Day Eucharist (*St G's*)

### Sunday 17th May (7th of Easter)

- 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 - May 2026:** Support pollinators. Nothing says Spring like the buzz of a bee! But these precious pollinators are declining due to habitat loss, climate change and agricultural intensification. Wednesday 20 May is World Bee Day, so look around to see how you can improve habitats for bees and other pollinators. Read more about bees, butterflies and habitats that support them in our Target 25 resources at [arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/target-25](http://arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/target-25). (Continued in the notices...)

### Social Media



stgeorgesjesmond.org.uk



sthildasjesmond.org.uk



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**The Spring Fete is next weekend!** Contributions gratefully received of: cakes, biscuits and other baked goods; preserves; plants; plain scones for teas; toys in good condition; unwanted gifts/other Tombola prizes; bottles (full and in date only please!); and books (no magazines or periodicals please). These can be dropped off at the church hall on Friday 15th May or on the morning of Saturday 16th May.

**Able-bodied helpers needed!** As many as possible please at 5pm on Friday to help set up furniture in readiness for putting out, and at 9.30am on Saturday to set up on the green. The more the merrier (and the lighter the work)!

**Christian Aid Week collection** will take place at parish coffee TODAY. Thanks to all who have contributed additional refreshments for this fundraiser. You can also donate via the online digital envelope using the link below:

<https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2026/st-georges-jesmond>

**The Friends Annual Dinner** is on Friday 5th June at 7pm in St George's Church Hall. Do keep the date free. It is such a lovely evening with excellent food and vibrant company. Tickets are as last year at £40 per head. Wine is available to buy. It is a real social event. You don't have to be a member of the Friends to come and you can bring friends and family along with you. Don't miss out on this much looked forward to event.

**Friends of St George's membership subscriptions** are now due. The good news is that the subscription amount remains at £10 per person per annum. What else can you think of that has remained the same price since 2008?

All the money the Friends raise is used for the conservation of St George's Church. Sadly there are members of our congregation who have still not joined the Friends. This is your chance to help care for St George's. You can collect a standing order form from the Parish Office, or you can pay cash or cheque (payable to Friends of St George's Jesmond). Thank you in hopeful anticipation.

**Cappella Newcastle presents** 'A Spring Garland of Loves, Losses & Laments' on Saturday, May 16th @7.30pm at JURC. Includes works by Dowland, Monteverdi, and Palestrina. Directed by Tim Cranfield and accompanied by John Treherne, harpsichord, and Sara Salloum, lute. Tickets £15/£13/£10 on the door or from Hilary C. and Stephen W.

**Thursday Talk:** 14th May, 6pm at Jesmond Library, £3 on the door. Local historian Margaret Bozic is a qualified Surveyor and Trustee of the Tyne and Wear Buildings Preservation Trust. In this talk she looks at some of the key buildings which are in the Trust's custody, and what they tell us about the North East's history. This talk was recently given at the Lit & Phil, and it sold out within hours - a very rare thing!

21st May: Dissolution of the Monasteries - A Northern Miscellany, with Keith Jewitt. Many of us know that Henry VIII and Cromwell dissolved the English monasteries, and in some cases their ruins are still much-loved attractions. This talk considers how the Dissolution affected local religious houses, and highlight some of the buildings and treasures which survive. As part of the Jesmond Festival it's free at the door but donations are welcome.

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**As we enter exam season**, please hold students in your prayers, as well as those supporting them through this time.

**A Rocha Eco tip continued:** Sow a pollinator-friendly seed mix, make or buy a bee hotel, let some wild flowers grow in your garden, and don't use pesticides. Pray that our pollinator populations will increase. For more about World Bee Day: [awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/world-bee-day/](http://awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/world-bee-day/)

**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**

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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**

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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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**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.