



Benefice Newsletter

St George's & St Hilda's Jesmond



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Sunday 17th May 2026 - Ascension 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 24th May (Pentecost)

- 8am The Eucharist (*St George's*)
- 10am Benefice Eucharist (*St Hilda'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 - 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. 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/

Social Media



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For Participation or Prayer, week beginning 18th May:

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*
12.30pm, Office staff meeting
2pm, Little Saints, St George's Hall
2pm, Pastoral visit to Craghall
7pm, University exam chaplaincy
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
10.30am, Funeral of Helen McArdle OBE, St George's
1pm, Percy Hedley chaplaincy
2pm, *Scottish Dancing, St Hilda's Hall*
2.30pm, *Meet & Move (referral required)*
7.30pm, St George's PCC meeting, Choir Vestry
7.30pm, Newcastle Concert Band, St George's Hall
- Wednesday: 9.30am, Prayers for the sick and other concerns, 3 High Laws
9.30am, University chaplaincy
2pm, Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee meeting
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: 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 Chaplain's meeting
1pm, University exam chaplaincy
2pm, Pastoral Visit to Cestria
7pm, Choir rehearsal, St George's
7.30pm, Deanery Development Group meeting
- Friday: 10am, Friday Café, St George's Hall
11am, Sing & Socialise
1pm, Lunchtime Recital, St George's
7.30pm, Bell ringing practice, St George's

Notices

Following the APCMs at both churches, we are pleased to announce that our churchwardens for the next 12 months are Janet Wilson (St George's) and Philip

Bowe (St Hilda's). We look forward to working with them this year. Deanery Synod reps are James Parkin, Luke Hill, and Kay Plumley (St George's) and David Casati (St Hilda's). Diocesan Synod reps are Rev. Debbie and Kay Plumley, and our General Synod rep is Izzy McDonald-Booth (who therefore sits on all the other Synods too).

Christian Aid Week: Thanks to all who donated in support of Christian Aid Week. The online digital envelope is open until 26th June, so if you missed it last week you can still contribute via 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.

Raise FREE donations for the Hub project when you shop online with Give as you Live. It is a great time to begin, especially if you are thinking about booking summer holidays! Plus, earn a bonus donation for the Hub Project when you complete your first shop before 31st May: https://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/stgeorges-jesmond?utm_source=charitytoolkit&utm_content=38791&utm_medium=post&utm_campaign=CTSpringShopperIncentiveCampaign

Chinese massages: Jun (Xiao Jun Bai) is offering gentle, non-invasive massages to assist with relieving physical pain and tension, reducing anxiety and stress, and supporting recovery from illness and ailments. She is a fully registered and insured practitioner. This will be available for free, every other Friday, 9.45-11.45am in the main hall. The next session will be on Friday 29th May.

Thursday Talks: 6pm at Jesmond Library, £3 on the door (usually).

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 highlights some of the buildings and treasures which survive. As part of the Jesmond Festival it's free at the door but donations are welcome.

The Parish Office will be closed for the bank holiday on 25th May.

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

The Wednesday Meeting: 20th May, 2pm at Jesmond URC. This month, Jane Wanless will talk about the West End's Food Bank Garden. Meetings are held in the Cuthbert Room with coffee, tea, and biscuits available from 1.30pm. All are welcome!

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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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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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.