



Benefice Newsletter

St George's & St Hilda's Jesmond



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Sunday 31st May 2026 - Trinity Sunday

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*)
- 1.30pm** Baptisms of Thomas and Frank (*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 7th June (1st after Trinity)

- 8am The Eucharist (*St George's*)
- 9.30am Parish Eucharist (*St George's*)
- 11am Morning Worship@11 (*St Hilda'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 - June: Take part in citizen science or a local nature event. Citizen science is a way for ordinary people to get involved in scientific research or data collection. There are many projects to choose from and it's easy to contribute. Invite others to get involved with you too. Here are some you could help with:

Search your local beach with a shore survey: wildlifetrusts.org/shoresearch

Spend ten minutes counting pollinators: <https://ukpoms.org.uk/>

Join in with Churches Count on Nature (6-14 June): **see notices!**

Do a Bee Walk: beewalk.org.uk

Join Great Big Green Week (6-14 June): greatbiggreenweek.com

Social Media



stgeorgesjesmond.org.uk



sthildasjesmond.org.uk



St Hilda's Church, Jesmond
St George's Church, Jesmond



[stgeorgesjesmond](https://www.instagram.com/stgeorgesjesmond)
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For Participation or Prayer, week beginning 1st June:

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

- Monday: 11am, *Tyneside Mandolin Orchestra*
12.30pm, Office staff meeting
2pm, Little Saints, St George's Hall
2pm, Knit and Natter, St Hilda's
2pm, Pastoral visit to Craghall
7pm, 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
11.30am, ADDO conversation
2pm, Scottish Dancing, St Hilda's Hall
2.30pm, Meet & Move (referral required)
2.30pm, Project 1888 Committee Meeting
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
11am, U3A Line Dancing, St George's Hall
5.30pm, Ballet, St Hilda's Hall
5.30pm, Beavers & Cubs, St George's Hall
5.30pm, Youth Choir rehearsal, St George's
7.15pm, Tai Chi, St George's Hall
7pm, Community Choir, St George's
- 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
1.30pm, University exam chaplaincy
1.30pm, Funeral of Ben Jones-Lee, St George's
2pm, Pastoral Visit to Cestria
7pm, Choir rehearsal, St George's
- Friday: 10am, Friday Café, St George's Hall
11am, Sing & Socialise
1pm, Lunchtime Recital, St George's
7pm, Friends of St George's Dinner, St George's Hall
7.30pm, Bell ringing practice, St George's

Notices

We welcome Bishop Mark as our preacher at St George's next week.

Churches Count on Nature: We will be doing this on Sunday 7th June, straight after the 9.30am service at St George's and all welcome to join in. Each year hundreds of church communities across the country take part in a week-long

nature count to monitor and celebrate the biodiversity in churchyards and grounds. This initiative is jointly run by the conservation charities Caring for God's Acre and A Rocha UK, together with the Church of England and the Church in Wales, and helps us to understand the ecological value of these special places.

Knit and Natter: tomorrow, 1st June, 2-3.30pm at St Hilda's. Refreshments and materials are provided or bring your own knitting. You don't even have to knit! You can just come along for a brew and a chat.

Angel's Way Community Hub Challenge: be part of our exciting sponsored community challenge and help raise vital funds to completely renovate St George's Church Hall! Between **Sunday 23rd August and Saturday 26th September** walk, run, roll or cycle all or part of The Angel's Way, at your own pace and in your own way - virtually or outdoors - while getting sponsored by friends, family and colleagues. There will be an end-of-challenge celebration on Saturday 26th September at St George's. Sign up by scanning the adjacent QR code, or email the parish office for the link to the form.



A huge thank you to everyone who made the Spring Fete such a success. We raised £5,265 for church funds!

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 Book Group next meets on 24th June and the book is *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

The Friends Annual Dinner is on Friday 5th June at 7pm in St George's Church Hall. It is such a lovely evening with excellent food and vibrant company. Tickets are as last year at £40 per head, available from Barbara or the parish office. 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.

The next Parish Walk will take place on Saturday June 13th: A circular walk from the Tyne Riverside Country Park at Prudhoe via the Spetchells (Northumberland's largest chalk habitat) to Hagg Bank bridge near Wylam, returning along the Tyne riverside path. About 4 miles, mostly level walking on good paths. There is one steep flight of steps up to Hagg Bank, but an alternative route is available. Refreshments and car parking at the Tyne Riverside Country Park. Meet at the church hall at 9.30am. Please contact Caroline Field (07813 098 618) if you would like to go or need more information.

The annual Christian-Muslim meeting to pray for peace will take place on **Saturday 13 June at 2.30pm** in St.Mary's Chapel, Reid Park Road. This is an occasion when we meet people from other Christian churches as well as from the Muslim community and also those of no faith. Although it is primarily for women

and children, men accompanying their families are welcome to attend. The meeting is followed by light refreshments at the Parish Hall of the Church of the Holy Name.

Thank you to everyone who has generously donated jam jars. I have enough now but would still welcome Bonne Maman jars specifically. Alison Mattinson.

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

11th June: AA Milne. This talk is being held to commemorate 100 years of Winnie the Pooh. However, the success of his most famous creation did not make AA Milne happy! Charles Linaker aims to restore the balance by focusing on AA Milne's other writings, including plays, novels and humorous writing for adults.

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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:

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Music at St Hilda's

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Bells: John Markham, Tower Captain; jlmarkham@btinternet.com

<p>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.</p>
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