



# Benefice Newsletter

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



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Sunday 3rd May 2026 - The Fifth Sunday of Easter

### 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*)
- 1.30pm** Baptism of Lyla (*St George's*)
- 4pm** Home@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 10th May (6th of Easter)

- 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*)

**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](https://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/](https://awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/world-bee-day/)

### Social Media



stgeorgesjesmond.org.uk



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## For Participation or Prayer, week beginning 4th May:

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

- Monday: May Day Bank Holiday (office closed!)  
11am, Tyneside Mandolin Orchestra, St George's Hall  
2pm, Knit and Natter, St Hilda's  
7.15pm, Scouts, St George's Hall
- Tuesday: 8.45am, Morning Prayer, St Hilda's  
9am, Female clergy day, the Cathedral  
9.30am, The Eucharist, St Hilda's  
9.30am, Tuesday Group, St George's  
12pm, Candidates panel  
*2pm, Scottish Dancing, St Hilda's Hall*  
*2.30pm, Meet & Move (referral required)*  
2.30pm, Project 1888 committee meeting  
7pm, Ministry team 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, Line Dancing (U3A), St George's Hall  
1pm, Diocesan interviews for Generous Giving officer  
2.30pm, Living Faith, St Hilda's  
*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: Local elections, both church halls in use as polling stations  
8.45am, Morning Prayer, St George's  
9.30am, The Eucharist (followed by refreshments in the Winskell Room), 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  
7.30pm, Bell ringing practice, St George's
- Saturday: 10am, Bereavement Café, Winskell Room  
10am, Third Order Society of St Francis area meeting, St Hilda'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

**The Spring Fete is now only 2 weeks away!** 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!) These can be dropped off at the church hall on Friday 15th May or on the morning of Saturday 16th May.

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 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.

**Thanks** to all who have stood for offices at St Hilda's. We look forward to working with you in the year to come.

**Christian Aid Week collection** will take place at parish coffee after the APCM on 10th May. If you are able to offer something sweet or savoury please email Janet ([janet@stgeorgesjesmond.org.uk](mailto:janet@stgeorgesjesmond.org.uk)) and Hazel ([hazeljoneslee@btinternet.com](mailto:hazeljoneslee@btinternet.com)).

**Church Cleaning in May is a week early**, Saturday 9th May at 9.30am, due to the Fete. New volunteers welcome. No experience required!

**Recycling reminder:** there are boxes at the back of church for used stamps (St Oswald's), old print cartridges (RSPB), old glasses (British Lions) and medicine blister packs (Mind). We also collect old coins (St Oswald's) at the parish office. The coins must no longer be legal tender.

**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.

**Congratulations** to Donald who completed the London Marathon in 7 hours 8 minutes and 58 secs in aid of Children with Cancer UK. If you still wish to sponsor him the link is: <https://2026tcs londonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/donaldgaze> Or you can give him cash. He will be wearing the medal in coffee!

**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.

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**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!

**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.