

St George's Jesmond

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2nd December 2018 - Advent Sunday

SERVICE DETAILS

READINGS: JEREMIAH 33:14-16, 1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-END, LUKE 21:25-36

PSALM 25 vv 1-9

To you, O LORD, I LIFT UP MY SOUL

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies triumph over me. Let none who look to you be put to shame, but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated. **R**

Make me to know your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you have I hoped all the day long. **R**

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions, but think on me in your goodness, O Lord, according to your steadfast love. **R**

Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore shall he teach sinners in the way. He will guide the humble in doing right and teach his way to the lowly. All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. **R**

8.00am Holy Communion (St Oswald's altar)

President: Brian Hurst Preacher: Brian Hurst

9.30am Parish Communion

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Deacon: Stephanie Keates

Sidespersons: Julian and Kay Plumley and children

Readers: Wendy Jones, Elizabeth Rhodes

Intercessions: Bryan Vernon

Anthem: Deliver us, O Lord our God - Adrian Batten

Organ Music: Nimrod - Edward Elgar

11.30am Holy Communion (St Oswald's altar)

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6.00pm Advent Carol Service

Officiate: Brian Hurst

Hymns

45

380

41

795

Notices for the sheet need to be sent to victoria@stgeorgesjesmond.org.uk by 9.30am on a Thursday for inclusion.

The scouts used to have the motto 'Be prepared'... To be prepared for something, for example a major incident, we need to be ready to respond. In the countryside and on the coast, volunteers stand ready to act as lifeboat crew or mountain rescuers. We need to have the right training and equipment – maybe a suitable hi-vis jacket, a helmet or a first aid kit. And we need to be attentive to signals and signs that something is happening. Lifeboat crew and mountain rescuers carry bleeps which summon them as soon as they might be needed

In everyday life there are plenty of signs and signals to pay attention to...almost too many! You might have smoke detectors at home so that if a fire broke out you would receive a warning. If you drive, you probably have a light that comes on when you are low on petrol. This light warns you that you can only drive a few more miles before the petrol tank is empty. On the roads, triangular signs warn us of older people crossing, wild deer roaming, icy patches, and traffic queues, to name but a few..

In today's readings we are reminded to pay attention to signs around us as we wait for Christ's return and the final fulfilment of God's kingdom of love. As Christians on our journey of faith, we need to pay attention to signs of God's action in the world now, and to be hopeful for the ultimate future that God will give to us, a future in which we will share and overflow with love for our fellow human beings.

Lord make us attentive to the signs of your presence among us and help us to show your love to those around us and in the world we serve.

Welcome to St George's

Baptised and communicant members of other churches are welcome to receive Communion. If you do not wish to take Communion, you are welcome to come to the altar rail for a blessing. Please indicate this by bringing your service booklet or hymn book with you. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please indicate this to the priest at the altar rail.

You are warmly invited to refreshments after the 9.30am service served in the church hall by Jean & Jon Davies, Barbara Gardner, and Janet Wilson.

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Children

There is a children's corner for supervised children at the back of the church. Sunday School will be led by Lucy Hatt and Susan Steadman. Smarties will be led by Hillary Cullingford and Rosie Wilson.

This Week

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Tuesday

Thursday

Friday

8.45 Morning Prayer

9.30am Holy Communion (St Hilda's)

9.30am Holy Communion incl. prayer for refugees
(Lady Chapel)

8.00am Holy Communion (St George's)



Little Saints (Baby and Toddlers): Mondays 2-4pm in the Church Hall

Tuesday Group: Tuesday Group meets each week at 9.30am for gardening, grounds and DIY maintenance. Coffee at 10.30am. All welcome.

St George's Lunch Club: every Wednesday. Meal served at 12.15pm

Friday Café is held from 10am-12pm in the Winskell Room

Friday Singing Group meet at 11am in Middleton Room

Choir Practice takes place Fridays 7-8pm

Bell Practice: Fridays 7.45pm-9pm

Book Group:

Eric's Christmas Quiz on Wednesday 12th December, 8pm, at 34 Fern Avenue, NE2 2QX. Come and join us.

'The Bookshop' by Penelope Fitzgerald. Meeting on Wednesday 9th January, 8pm, at 31 Kenton Road, NE3 4NH.

Prayers for Sick and other concerns. Every Wednesday 10am at 3 High Laws NE3 1RQ

Next Sunday services (9th Dec):

8am Holy Communion (St Oswald's Altar)

9.30am Parish Communion

11.30am Holy Communion

6pm Taizé style worship - service of prayer, music and contemplation

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The Parish Office is currently closed.

Initial enquiries about weddings, banns and baptisms should be directed to Brian Hurst (details above).

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Friends of St George's Christmas Cards are now on sale! £3.50 for a pack of ten beautifully designed cards and envelopes. Don't miss out!

Christmas Collection for WERS - Today! Any final donations (toiletries, socks, chocolate) will be gladly received.

Oh yes it is!...time for the first panto readthrough. Today 3-5pm in the church hall.

Carol Service and the switching on of the Christmas tree lights: Thursday 6th December. A short service will be held in Church – with the Percy Hedley Signing Choir and players from the Newcastle Concert Band at 5.30pm, followed by the switching on of the lights. All welcome!

Church Walk: Mulled wine walk is Sat 8th Dec. Meet at 9.30am. 5 mile walk Kirkharle followed by Christmas shopping in the Courtyard.

Messy Church: Calling all young people 11 and under! The next Messy Church is next Saturday December 8th. We will have a variety of craft activities, some Christmassy: decorations, cards, cakes and more. Do come along 10.30-11.45am and have fun!

Carols at Christmas with the Northern Doctors Chorus: Saturday 8th December 7pm, St George's Church, Jesmond. Tickets £10/£7 (concessions, including NHS staff).

Join the region's choir for doctors, medical students and allied health professionals for another festive celebration of captivating choral music, rousing audience carols, Christmas readings and mulled wine and mince pies.

Sock Sunday!! A huge thank you to everyone who brought socks last week. 3 very full banana boxes were sent off on Monday and arrived on Wednesday. Shipping costs of £21.94 were met from donations and we raised £270.34 to support GfA's work in Kenya. Brian and Barbara Hatton are so grateful for our support. (If you were away last week, it is not too late to make a donation - see Liz Rhodes!)

Knitting for GfA Syrian Appeal: The Carol Service season is upon us so the wool box will be 'resting'. If you need wool, get it today! There will no collection of knitting until mid-January (but stockpiling is encouraged! Remember that knitting is never out of season!)

"What you do for the least of my brothers and sisters"

Daily life and faith: At the back of church and on our website you will find a brief questionnaire to fill in if willing. We would also like you to provide a photo (preferably digital) that gives us some idea of your main Monday to Saturday activity (this might be paid work, learning, volunteering, or particular hobbies). We want to use the answers to your questions to mount an exhibition to accompany a workshop next spring. (Please be aware of this in anything you write). Please drop the form into the office or email to pauline@stgeorgesjesmond.org.uk by January 7th 2019. Thank you.

Loose Ladies: Thursday 17th January 2019, 7.30pm - People's Theatre Black Coffee - a murder mystery by Agatha Christie. Tickets £14/£11.50. Please sign the list at the back of church or speak to Alison Mattinson.