

Regular events

- Little Saints:** every Monday 2-4pm in the church hall, except bank holidays.
- Tuesday Group** meets each week at 9.30am for gardening, grounds and DIY maintenance. Coffee at 11am. All welcome.
- Prayers for Sick** & other concerns. Wednesdays, 10am at 3 High Laws, NE3 1RQ.
- Book Group:** Weds 21st January, 7.30pm in the Winskell Room. Eric's fantastic annual quiz. All bring refreshments to share.
- Choir Practice:** Thursdays at 4.30-5.15pm (juniors), 7-8.15pm (adults & young people). Please speak to Drew if you'd like to join.
- Friday Café :** 10am-12pm in the Winskell Room}
- Friday Singing Group:** 11am-12pm in Middleton Room}
- Bell Practice:** Tower & handbell practice, Fridays, 7.30-9pm.
- Parish Walk:** Saturday 11th January. Full details in the notices.
- Children North East:** The CNE Collection Box will return to Church on Epiphany Sunday, January 5th 2025.

Those living with dementia are particularly welcome.

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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.

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A worshipping community: inclusive, nurturing, engaged

Sunday 22nd December 2024 - The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Services in the Benefice Today

8am The Eucharist

9.30am Parish Eucharist

Sidespeople: Christine Rowland, Lesley Wilkinson

Readers: Caroline Field, Hilary Cullingford

Intercessor: Malcolm Toft

11am The Eucharist at St Hilda's

6pm Nine Lessons and Carols

Services in the Benefice this Week

Tue 8.45am Morning Prayer (*St Hilda's*)

9.30am The Eucharist (*St Hilda's*)

See notices for Christmas services

Sunday 29th December (1st of Christmas)

8am The Eucharist

9.30am Parish Eucharist

11am The Eucharist (*St Hilda's*)



Livestreaming: The 9.30am Eucharist (and some other main services) are now being livestreamed on our website and YouTube account. Please sit in the rear side aisles if you don't want to be seen.

Notices for the next sheet 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 weddings, blessings, banns, and baptisms.

Giving:

If you would like to support the work of St George's, you can donate via this QR code.



	<u>Service Details</u>	<u>Hymns</u>
Setting:	Darke in E / Thorne	45
First reading:	Micah 5: 2-5a (p. 880)	394
Psalm:	80: 1-8	316
		315

*(The choir will sing the response first. You're invited to join in where indicated by **R**)*

Response: Turn us again, O God, show us the light of your countenance and we shall be saved

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that led Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your mighty strength and come to our salvation. **R**

O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry at your people's prayer? You feed them with the bread of tears; you give them abundance of tears to drink. You have made us the derision of our neighbours and our enemies laugh us to scorn. **R**

Second reading: Hebrews 10: 5-10 (NT p. 221)

Gospel Acclamation: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Gospel: Luke 1: 39-55 (NT p. 54)

All who normally receive communion in any church are welcome to receive today. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please bow your head and keep your hands at your sides when you come, to signal your intention. Gluten free wafers are available; please come to the central altar & ask if you require one.

When receiving the wine, please do not dip your wafer into the wine (intinction). All advice suggests that drinking from the cup is a more hygienic method of sharing.

Communion Motet: A maiden most gentle - Carter

Voluntary: La Vierge et l'Enfant - Messiaen

After the 9.30am service, you are warmly invited to join us for refreshments, served in the hall by Brent Swinburne, Linsley de la Hunt, and Lana Liu.

This evening, 6pm, A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols: the choir will sing music by Ord, Vaughan Williams, Rutter, Willcocks and Gardner.

Christmas Services at St George's:

Sunday 22nd December, 6pm - Nine Lessons and Carols

Tuesday 24th December, 3-4pm - Nativity

Tuesday 24th December, 6pm - Carol Service

Tuesday 24th December, 11.30pm - Midnight Mass

Wednesday 25th December, 9.30am - Christmas Morning Service

Everyone welcome for a casual Christmas Cuppa after the Christmas morning service, till 12pm in the Winskell room.

Church will be open as usual during the week up to Christmas Day, then closed until Thursday 2nd January.

Organ Fundraising Success: we are delighted to have been awarded £163,000 by the National Lottery Heritage Fund towards Stage 1 of the St George's and Jesmond URC Organ Restoration Project. These funds will make it possible to establish a permanent heritage trail between the two churches and to work towards the full restoration of both instruments. More to follow in the New Year!

St George's family Christmas quiz on sale at parish coffee, only £1.

St George's Church calendars: Christmas sale: only £2 for a wonderful archive of St George's interior. £3 including a copy of the Christmas quiz!

Friends Christmas cards: just £4 per pack of 10 cards with envelopes. They can be bought from Barbara P or from Jonathan in the Parish Office.

Polar Bound in the North West Passage: David Cowper and Susannah Broome will be giving a talk on their sailing adventure through the North West Passage to raise money for charity. Wednesday 15th January, 7.30pm in the Church Hall. £5 on the door, all proceeds to the Friends of St George's.

Parish Walk: Saturday 11th January - a 4-5 mile circular walk from church through Jesmond Dene, Heaton Park and the Jesmond Cemeteries. Mostly flat and on paths. Coffee on the route at The Biscuit Factory. Meet at the church hall by 9.30am. More details from Alison Mattinson or via the office.

Save the date: Community Hub fundraising Burns supper - Saturday 25 January 2025. Tickets on sale early in the new year

Loose Ladies: And Then There Were None - a mystery thriller based on the best selling crime novel of all time - Friday 17th January, 7.30pm at the People's Theatre. £16/£13.50 conc. To reserve a place contact Alison Mattinson/the office.

The Parish Office is closed until Tuesday 7th January.

Update on Tiger Li: our previous organ scholar has just completed his first term studying PPE at Somerville College, Oxford. We hope to see him over the festive period!