

**PARISH of KINGSTON BUCI
St Julian's and St Giles'
Newsletter 24th May 2026
Pentecost**



Calendar of Services and Events

Sunday 24th May Pentecost Whit Sunday	10am St Julian - Eucharist
Thursday 28th May	10am St Julian – Holy Communion
Friday 29th May	9.45am St Giles – Morning Prayer
Sunday 31st May Trinity Sunday	10am St Julian - Eucharist

Collect

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday Readings

Acts 2.1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his

voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: “In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

1 Corinthians 12.3b-13

Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says ‘Let Jesus be cursed!’ and no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit,

who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Gospel reading: John 7.37-39

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, ‘Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, “Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.” ’ Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Post Communion Prayer

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Those in need of our prayers

John R, Jocelyn A, Jean M, Pauline R, Albus, Dave, Amy, Sue, Vanessa T, Patricia C, Ann W, The Bishop family, Buster, Brian, Karen, John C, Ray and Sheila, Doug & Phyllis, Callum Howe.

Those whose anniversary is at this time: George Heath.

Intercessions

At Pentecost we simply don’t tell a story about how the first disciples received the Holy Spirit. We pray today that we might receive that same power from on high. Let us pray to our Father.

Where our souls are dry and weary, we seek the living water of your presence; **Come Holy Spirit.**

Where our hearts are broken and wounded, we seek the healing of the comforter; **Come Holy Spirit.**

Where our lives are weak and overwhelmed, we seek the power of your breath; **Come Holy Spirit.**

Where our witness is unfaithful and unfruitful, we seek the enabling of the advocate; **Come Holy Spirit.**

Where our faith is cold and stagnant, we seek the fire of your love; **Come Holy Spirit.**

We now pray for the people and the issues that are important to us.

Come now Holy Spirit **and renew the hearts of your people.**

Dear God, you love all you have made. We pray for our world. We pray for those who have little and those who face a difficult future, for those who live in fear and those who have nothing. We pray that your Spirit of peace would come and unite the nations.

Come Holy Spirit, **and fill the hearts of your people.**

Dear God, you know all our needs. Send your Spirit of wisdom on our nation and our leaders. Help them to make decisions that are good for all. Strengthen the hands of those who work for peace and frustrate those who stir up division, hatred and violence.

Come Holy Spirit, **and guide the hearts of your people.**

Dear God, you love us when we don't yet love you. We pray that your Spirit would come and draw everyone to receive your love. We pray for those we know, that they might come to faith.

Come Holy Spirit, **and open the hearts of your people .**

Dear God, your Son knows pain and suffering. Send your Spirit of healing on those who are in pain. And we pray for those who look after the sick and dying, that you would strengthen them through your Spirit.

Come Holy Spirit, **and strengthen the hearts of your people.**
Amen.

Readings for Sunday 31st May: Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-end, 2 Corinthians 13.11-end, Matthew 28.16-20

Reflection



So very often we think of Pentecost as being the day the Holy Spirit came. The reality is that the Holy Spirit came *on* Pentecost. Pentecost was actually the Jewish 'Spring Harvest'. A time to look forward and pray for God's provision for the rest of the year. It was a day to celebrate and to pray. A day to look forward to the rich harvest that, God willing, was in store.

This explains why Acts chapter two tells us that 'there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven'. They were there for the festival and it was on that very day that God chose to send the Holy Spirit on the disciples.

The day that was set aside to celebrate the forthcoming harvest, was the day the harvest of souls for God's kingdom began in earnest. God certainly knows how to time things. That very day about 3000 people were brought home. No wonder Jesus had earlier said to the disciples:

'The Harvest is plentiful.... Pray the Lord of the Harvest to send workers in the harvest field'.

On the day of Pentecost those workers were equipped by the Spirit, went out into the field and reaped an incredible harvest.

Today – nothing has changed. The harvest is **still** plentiful, the labourers are **still** too few, and the **same Holy Spirit** is **still** ours! All we need to do is to allow the Holy Spirit to fill us, then to go out into the field and who knows what the result will be for the Kingdom of God.

We may not be able to literally 'go out into the field' at the moment, but we can still pray, we can still be generous with our time and money, we can still speak out for justice.

In Galatians chapter six, Paul makes a statement which seems particularly appropriate and apt for the times we find ourselves living in. He says 'Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.'

Thank God that we can count on the indwelling Holy Spirit to keep us going. Every blessing this Pentecost.



Notices

We'll be celebrating **Corpus Christi**, the day of thanksgiving for the institution of Holy Communion, at **10am on Thursday 4th June, in St Julian's**, followed by coffee. Everyone is very welcome to join us for both or either.

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