

PARISH of KINGSTON BUCI
St Julian's and St Giles'
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Trinity 4



Glass cantharus (drinking cup), Roman, Early Imperial, Claudian or Flavian, circa 40–80 CE, Hand blown glass © The Metropolitan Museum, New York

Calendar of Services and Events

Sunday 28th June Trinity 4	10am St Julian – Parish Eucharist
Thursday 2nd July	10am St Julian – Holy Communion
Friday 3rd July	9.45am St Giles – Morning Prayer
Sunday 5th July	10am St Julian – Morning Worship 10am St Giles - Eucharist

Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday Readings

Genesis 22.1-14

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father

Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place 'The Lord will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.'

Romans 6.12-end

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin

will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel reading: Matthew 10.40-end

‘Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive

a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son 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.

Intercessions

We pray to see the good in others and to be people of welcome. To see each other as God sees us. We remember the places of conflict; especially the Middle East, Ukraine and Russia and many other places around the world and we pray for the spirit of reconciliation and peace.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

We give thanks for the beauty of creation and we remember our role of welcome to all living creatures under the canopy of God's kingdom. May we continue to find ways to welcome and accommodate nature in our neighbourhoods, our national life and our global endeavour.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

May this new week bring opportunities for welcoming each other and the stranger through the eyes of God. Help us to be open to the beauty of other people's differences.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

We pray for our neighbourhoods, local businesses, and schools in and around our parish. Guide our local leaders and community workers to make decisions that foster justice, peace, and mutual support.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

We pray for the people of this church, for our community, and for all those who suffer in body, mind and spirit. May they know God's healing and his welcoming love. Loving God, we lift up those who feel isolated, lonely, or empty. Comfort them with your sustaining presence, and surround all who mourn with your continuing compassion.

Merciful father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your son, our saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Readings for Sunday 5th July: Genesis 24.34-38, 42-49, 58-67, Romans 7.15-25a, Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end

Notices

Would you like our church community to pray for someone or something, or would you like a person's name to be added to the prayers in the newsletter? If so please let Penny or Tina know.

Evening Prayer starts again on 7 July at 7.30pm in St Julian's, then on the first Tuesday of the month. All are most welcome to join this short reflective service and enjoy fellowship afterwards.

The Friends of St Julian's Church is a group of people from all walks of life who work to help preserve this unique historical building for future generations. An annual subscription is only £6 and every penny goes towards maintenance of the fabric of the building. Contact Frank Burge or Tina Robertson if you would like to join us.

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Reflection

Jesus tells us in today's gospel reading, 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.' Jesus talks in paradoxes today: that we find ourselves by giving ourselves away.

In the gospel reading Jesus speaks of the value of giving a cup of cold water to one of his disciples. Giving a cup of cold water to someone who needs it is not going to make headlines. Most likely, only the giver and the receiver will be aware of it.

Yet, Jesus holds up this small act of kindness as having tremendous value. Even the simplest acts in which we lose ourselves for others have eternal significance.