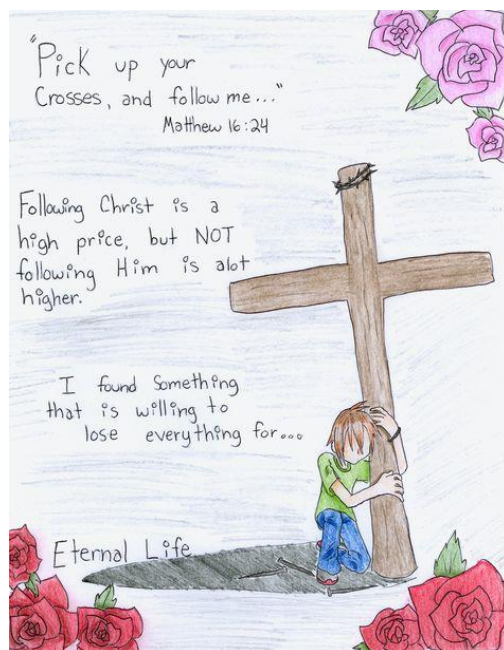


**PARISH of KINGSTON BUCI**  
**St Julian's and St Giles'**  
**Newsletter 21st June 2026**  
**Trinity 3**



**Calendar of Services and Events**

<p><b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>  <b>Trinity 3</b>  <b>Father's Day</b></p>	<p>10am St Julian – Morning Worship  10am St Giles – Eucharist</p>
<p><b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b></p>	<p>10am St Julian – Holy Communion</p>
<p><b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b></p>	<p>9.45am St Giles – Morning Prayer  11am St Julian – Wedding</p>
<p><b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b></p>	<p>3pm St Giles - Messy Church</p>
<p><b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>  <b>Trinity 4</b></p>	<p>10am St Julian – Parish Eucharist</p>

## Collect

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## Sunday Readings

### Genesis 21.8-21

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, 'Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.' The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, 'Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named after you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, 'Do not let me look on the death of the child.' And as she sat

opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, 'What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.' Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

### **Romans 6.1b-11**

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

## **Gospel reading: Matthew 10.24-39**

‘A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

‘So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

‘Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

‘Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

### **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.

Lord of love, we thank you for Amy and Ben. Be with them in all their preparations and on their wedding day. Give them your love in their hearts throughout their married life together, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Intercessions**

Holy God, you have given us your only son to be both a sacrifice for sin, and an example of Godly life; Give us the grace to thankfully receive this wonderful gift, and to always strive to follow you.

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

Everlasting God, we pray for the Church, both here and throughout the world, and all who call themselves Christians, that they may go forward in unity and strength. Help us to respect the beliefs of others even if we do not share them, to celebrate what we have in common and to accept our differences.

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

Creator God, we pray for people in parts of the world where life is precarious, whether through disaster, poverty, disease, or war. We pray that the time may be hastened when there is peace on earth and goodwill between all people. Especially we pray for our precious world; help us to be good stewards so that we can pass it on in good order to the generations yet to come.

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

Father God, we pray today for our friends, families and communities. Help us always to follow Jesus' words on hospitality and generous giving and realise that accepting someone's help is as good as giving someone help.

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

Gracious God, we pray for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit and for those who care for them. We pray for the sick; for those who mourn; for those without faith, hope or love. We especially pray for David Hill. We remember all those known personally to us in a moment of silence.

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

Merciful God, we remember before God those who have died and those who are bereaved by their passing. We give back to you, Lord, those whom you gave to us. Your son taught us that life is eternal and that love cannot die. Death is only a horizon, and a horizon is only the limit of our sight.

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

Faithful God in the week that lies before us may we reflect your love in our families, our church and our community and in doing so, show everyone that we are followers of Christ.

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

**Readings for Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June:** Genesis 22.1-14, Romans 6.12-end, Matthew 10.40-end

### **Reflection**

The Gospel today is a challenging passage in which Jesus prepares his disciples for the reality of opposition, emphasising that true loyalty to God supersedes all earthly relationships and comforts.

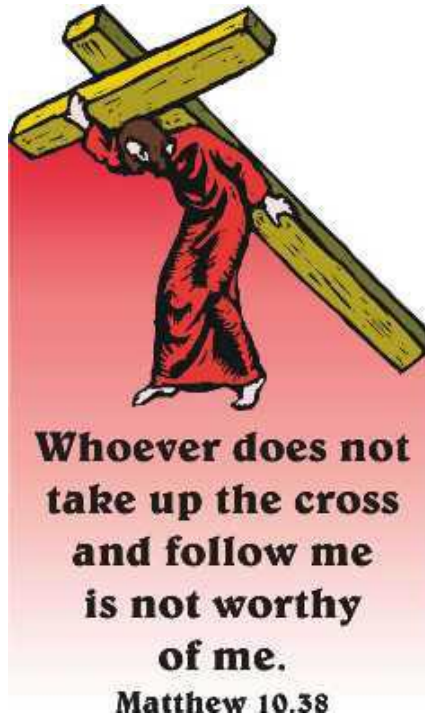
Applying Matthew's gospel to life today involves embracing the inherent costs of following Christ in a secular world. It means prioritising faith over earthly comforts, standing firm in biblical truth despite rejection, and finding ultimate security in God's intimate knowledge and care rather than in human approval. How do we achieve this?

We need to prioritise faith over relationships. We should expect tension when our faith challenges secular cultural norms. We may have to navigate family divisions with grace while holding fast to Christ and let our highest allegiance always remain with God. It won't be easy to reject the modern trap of viewing life merely as a pursuit of comfort, and we will have to sacrifice personal time, finances, or status to serve the vulnerable and serve our community unconditionally, even when unappreciated. However, we can lean on His constant and loving presence during periods of uncertainty and suffering. Trust that God notices even the smallest details of our lives and always remember that we are infinitely valuable in God's eyes.

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## 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.



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