

**PARISH OF KINGSTON BUCI
CHURCH OF ST JULIAN**

Sunday 2nd August Trinity 9	10am Morning Worship
Tuesday 4th August	7.30pm Evening Prayer
Thursday 6th August The Transfiguration of our Lord	10am Holy Communion 10.30am Coffee after Communion
Sunday 9th August Trinity 10	10am Eucharist 11.30am Holy Baptism

First Reading: Isaiah 55.1-5

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Second Reading: **Romans 9:1-5**

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 14.13-21**

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, ‘This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.’ Jesus said to them, ‘They need not go away; you give them something to eat.’ They replied, ‘We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.’ And he said, ‘Bring them here to me.’ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Intercessions

Lord, today and always, we bring You our praise, our thanks and our concerns and ask for your forgiveness. Give us the strength to turn to you first, rather than as a last resort when we face problems, concerns, joys and disappointments.

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

Teach us all to recognise the many gifts you have given every one of us, help us to use them to offer help and comfort and to further Your kingdom. Lord, we know that you will never let us down, may we always put our total trust in you alone.

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

Gracious Lord, we pray for those affected by the recent wildfires across Scotland and in the rest of Europe. We pray for those fighting the fires, for families driven from their homes and we pray that communities are drawn together to support one another. Be there with them all Lord, now, and when the media reports have stopped, and their suffering continues.

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

Merciful God, we bring the families in our community and our loved ones before You. You said that it is good and pleasant when people dwell together in unity, so we pray for unity and healing in homes, families, and marriages. We pray for healing from pain, loss, hurt and rejection. Lord, we ask you to watch over those who are suffering because of money worries, for those who have no jobs, and those who care for those they love who are sick.

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

We bring before you the sick and troubled known to us.
Comfort them merciful God, wrap your loving arms around
them, give them peace and a sure knowledge of your presence.
Take away their fears, and send them your healing power.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Loving Lord, we bring our churches before You. We pray that St
Nicolas, St Giles and St Julian's, together with all the local
church communities will be the light, salt, and pillar of truth in
our community. Be with all the clergy who walk alongside us on
our journey of faith. Keep them faithful to your teaching and
watch over them always.

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

Finally Lord, we pray for ourselves. We ask that You watch over
all the families represented here today and those we know who
are currently away on holiday. May they return refreshed and
restored. Keep us faithful to you, guide us in all we do, open our
eyes to the opportunities to testify to others who as yet do not
know you, give us the words to say, and the courage to say
them.

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**