

PARISH of KINGSTON BUCI
St Julian's and St Giles'
Newsletter 9th August 2026
Trinity 10



Calendar of Services and Events

Sunday 9th August Trinity 10	9.45am St Giles – Café Church 10am St Julian – Eucharist 11.30 St Julian - Baptism
Thursday 13th August	10am St Julian – Holy Communion
Friday 14th August	9.45am St Giles – Morning Prayer
Sunday 16th August Trinity 11	10am St Julian – Morning Worship 12 noon St Julian - Baptism

Collect

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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 37.1-4, 12-28

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, 'Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.' He answered, 'Here I am.' So he said to him, 'Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.' So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, 'What are you seeking?' 'I am seeking my brothers,' he said; 'tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.' The man said, 'They have gone away, for I heard them say, "Let us go to Dothan." ' So Joseph went after

his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, 'Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.' But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, 'Let us not take his life.' Reuben said to them, 'Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him'—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, 'What profit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.' And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Romans 10.5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"'

(that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

Gospel reading: Matthew 14.22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you:
look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Sunday 16th August: Genesis 45.1-15, Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32, Matthew 15.[10-20] 21-28

Those in need of our prayers

John R, Jocelyn A, Jean M, Pauline R, Dave, Amy, Vanessa T, Patricia C, Ann W, Buster, Brian, Karen, John C, Ray and Sheila.

Intercessions

Dear God, we pray that this day may be holy, good and joyful:
That we may offer to you our worship and our work: That we may strive for the well-being of all creation:
That in the pleasures and pains of life we may know the love of Christ and be thankful.

Eternal God, whose love is unceasing and whose kingdom unending; grant to your people at this time of change and uncertainty in our Shoreham Churches such a sense of your presence that they may rest secure in the knowledge of your unchanging love and look to the future with confidence and untroubled minds.

Loving God **hear our prayer.**

We pray today for our troubled world may we come together and end the wars that divide us, heal the wounds that harm us and forgive the deeds of others that poison us. May we know peace in our time at last.

Loving Parent of us all, we come to you now, at this important time in our evolution, as we come to realize the damage that our greedy consumption and reckless treatment of our Earth home is having for our future health and survival. We pray that our world governments can come together to make dramatic and serious changes to curb our use of fossil fuels and to find ways to drastically reduce our carbon emissions.

We ask that the fires that are devastating our world may soon be quenched, that you bring comfort to all those who have lost loved ones, their homes and belongings and bring help as they rebuild their lives.

Loving God **hear our prayer.**

Great Creator, you are the source of all goodness, generosity, and love. We thank you for opening the hearts of many to those who are fleeing for their lives. Help us now to open our arms in welcome and reach out our hands in support. That the desperate may find new hope, and lives torn apart be restored.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who fled persecution at His birth and at His last triumphed over death.

Loving God **hear our prayer.**

God of all, we give thanks for our lives of abundance and comfort. Thank you for our friends and loved ones, and all the things that enrich our lives. Help us to share this abundance with those who have less. We ask for relief and help for all those who are homeless on our streets. May they find help and shelter, a bed to sleep on, a roof over their head, food in their stomach and hope for their future.

Compassionate Spirit, we pray that you give strength and comfort to all who suffer in body mind or spirit. We remember all those on our prayer list, and in a moment of silence we will remember all who we know personally.

Loving God **hear our prayer.**

We remember all those who have gone before us and we ask that we may one day join with them in your heavenly kingdom. Glorious God **we ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour Amen.**

Reflection

Our Gospel reading today recounts Jesus walking on the stormy sea, Peter's bold step onto the water, and Jesus rescuing sinking Peter. This passage teaches us about overcoming fear, keeping our focus on Christ, and finding peace when life gets tough. The disciples face strong winds and rough waves in the dark. Life's problems can feel just like this rough sea. They think Jesus is a ghost when they first see Him. Fear often stops us from

seeing God right next to us. Jesus says, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." He wants us to stay calm because He is near. Peter asks to come to Jesus on the water, he wants to be where Jesus is. Peter walks on water until he looks at the scary waves. When we look at our troubles instead of God, we can start to feel overwhelmed. Peter begins to sink and cries, "Lord, save me." Jesus grabs his hand right away. Jesus does not let us down when we call on Him.

Jesus gets into the boat, and the wind stops, His presence brings instant peace. The disciples realise Jesus is truly the Son of God and worship Him. Hard times help us see who Jesus really is.

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