

PARISH of KINGSTON BUCI
St Julian's & St Giles'
Newsletter 27th September 2026
Trinity 17



Calendar of Services and Events

Sunday 27th September Trinity 17	10am Parish Eucharist with Healing Ministry
Thursday 1st October	10am St Julian – Holy Communion 10.30am St Julian – Coffee after Communion
Friday 2nd October	10am St Giles – Morning Worship
Saturday 4th October Trinity 18	10am St Julian – Morning Worship

Collect

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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. Amen

Sunday Readings

First Reading: Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-32

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall

not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore, I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

Second Reading: Philippians 2.1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is

above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21.23-32

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the

second and said the same; and he answered, “I go, sir”; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?’ They said, ‘The first.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings for Sunday 4th October: Isaiah 5.1-7, Psalm 80.9-17, Philippians 3.4b-14, Matthew 21.33-end

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, David Hill.

Intercessions

Everlasting God, we pray for the work of our Church and its ministers and officials especially for those who deal with the day-to-day finances of its work and deal with all the problems of balancing the books. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, give us wisdom to manage our money well and to practice heartfelt generosity. As we live each day, help us to treat our world fairly whilst receiving its goodness gratefully.

Help us to remember that you are the giver of all we have and to put aside pride of ownership.

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

Father God, your word promises all the material things that we need to live. We pray now for all those who struggle with debt. We pray also for those who are consumed by money worries, anxious about jobs or homes or the future; those who feel they have lost control of money and cannot cope. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for all who bear the burdens of pain, bereavement, anxiety and depression. We pray that they may have an awareness of your presence and an understanding that you are bearing those burdens with them and always working towards their healing and wholeness.

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

Merciful God, we remember with thankfulness and gratitude all those who have left their mark on our lives by giving us love and laughter, but who have now gone before us to be with you. We hold them in our hearts, knowing that you, Lord, hold them in yours. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, you have called and chosen us to spread the Good News of your son to the world. As we go out to another week help us to give the message to all we meet, at home, at work, in our leisure time and in our community.

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

Notices

All welcome to join us for a **cuppa and chat** on Thursday **1st October** in St Julian's around **10.30am**.

Evening Prayer is on Tuesday **6th October at 7.30pm**. Everyone is invited to join us for a drink and discussion.

On **Sunday 18th October** we will be welcoming Rev'd Julio Abraham to St Julian's to talk about the work of **Off the Fence** charity, which helps socially excluded people, offers emergency outreach to homeless people and a day centre, a women's crisis centre and a schools programme. We are now collecting new socks, T- shirts, hats, gloves and toiletries for their Antifreeze programme.

What would you do if somebody's heart stopped? A **CPR course** will be held in **St Julian's church hall on Saturday 24th October at 11am**, people will also be shown how to use the defibrillator on site. Please let Tina know if you would like to attend.

Thank you to everyone for the very generous donations to **Shoreham & Adur Community Foodbank** on Harvest Sunday. Volunteers are not needed at the moment, but if anyone would like to find out more about the work of the food bank pop in on a Friday morning between 11am and noon and ask for Alex or Dai

Reflection

Authority can often be a contentious issue. Who possesses it? Who has the right to exercise it? How should it be used? In today's world, the word 'authority' often carries negative connotations. Authority figures frequently attract criticism, sometimes deservedly so. The question of authority is at the heart of today's Gospel reading. Jesus had just performed a dramatic, provocative act in the Temple in Jerusalem, driving out those buying and selling, overturning the tables of the

money changers, and the seats of those selling doves. Naturally, the religious leaders, who saw themselves as the rightful authorities in the Temple, demanded to know by what authority Jesus had acted.

We know the answer to their question. Jesus acted with the authority of God. He regarded the Temple as the house of his Father, which gave him all the authority he needed to act as he did. This gospel passage serves as a reminder that, in matters of faith, the ultimate authority is Jesus himself. As followers of Christ, we are therefore called to submit our lives to him, recognising his divine authority above all else.

Jesus had a gentleness of authority. He didn't wield his authority coercively over others, nor did he shy away from a challenge. Therein lies the true exercise of authority: not to control people, but to engage and convert hearts.

Contacts

Mrs Tina Robertson: Churchwarden & ALM, 07738 620340,
tinarobertson99@yahoo.co.uk

Mrs Penny Joseph: Churchwarden 01273 389629
penejos@gmail.com

or please contact the Parish Office 01273 593167
office@parishofkingstonbuci.org.uk

**For Safeguarding Enquiries or Concerns: Mrs Tina Robertson
and Mrs Penny Joseph**
safeguarding@parishofkingstonbuci.org.uk