

PARISH of KINGSTON BUCI
St Julian's & St Giles'
Newsletter 18th October 2026
St Luke



Calendar of Services and Events

Sunday 18th October	10am St Julian – Morning Worship for Off the Fence
Thursday 22nd October	10am St Julian – Holy Communion
Friday 23rd October	10am St Giles – Morning Worship
Saturday 24th October	3pm St Giles – Messy Church
Sunday 25th October Bible Sunday	10am St Julian – Parish Eucharist <i>Please remember the clocks go back!</i>

Collect

Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your church the same love and power to heal; 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 forever. Amen

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 35.3-6

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear. Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.

2 Timothy 4.5-17

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness,

which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message. At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

Gospel: Luke 10:1-9

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house

you enter, first say, “Peace to this house!” And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, “The kingdom of God has come near to you.”

Readings for Sunday 25th October: Nehemiah 8.1-4a [5-6] 8-12, Colossians 3.12-17, Matthew 24.30-35

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, Erika.

Intercessions

Compassionate God, help us to see Christ in the vulnerable and to recognise that serving the poor, the suffering, and the overlooked is a direct way to serve Jesus himself. Grant us the grace of joy in serving others as you served us.

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

Loving God, we pray for a heart that is moved by compassion, not fear of judgment, to act on the needs of others. Fill our hearts with your love, so we may extend it to our neighbours, embracing each person with kindness,

compassion, and understanding. Help us to see your image in everyone we meet and to love them as our brothers and sisters.

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

Generous God, we acknowledge and ask for forgiveness for times of complacency or missed opportunities to help those in need. Help us to commit to specific, tangible actions, such as providing food and clothing, or visiting the sick and needy.

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

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the communities we are part of and ask you to guide us to be more aware of our neighbours' needs and the ways we might help. We pray for a flourishing community where neighbours learn to love each other and come to know Jesus. Help us to learn from our community, and may it be a place where all are welcomed.

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

Almighty God, we pray for hope, healing, and dignity for those facing difficult circumstances, and ask God to guide and empower them. Be with us and give us the comfort of the knowledge of your presence always, especially in our hour of need.

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

Notices

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.

Reflection

It's not very often when reading a theological book that something actually makes you laugh out loud. When starting to read for this sermon I came upon a book where it talks about the sending out of the 72 disciples, as like commissioning spiritual commandos on a urgent mission, "Spiritual Commandos!". with simple equipment and a powerful message. In my mind I was hearing the 'Mission impossible music' and the invitation, "Your mission, should you choose to accept it'?

Palestine did have a foreign nation occupying their lands at the time, the Romans, who were suppressing their own Jewish culture and religion. Total oppression was the goal & they tried to defeat them by imposing Roman and not Jewish law! And of course, turning them away from worshiping their own God, Jahwe or Elohim, of the O T, and to venerate and worship a new God. The 5th Roman Governor no less, a certain Pontius Pilate had decreed they must now all worship the Roman Emperor, Tiberius who lived thousands of miles away in Rome.

So time is short - like the opportunity for harvest, when the crop is ripe and the weather is fine. This is the time for the gospel to be preached. The disciples aren't to waste time on lengthy greetings or fuss about food or shelter. They are to get straight on to the business of healing and preaching. If they are welcomed, then God's Peace will rest on the people, and the homes they visit. If the disciples are rejected however they are to declare God's judgement on the whole town. It's a story of tough love!

So it can be for us too here in Shoreham. The Lord of the harvest is sending us out as workers into his harvest field. Just like the early disciples and apostles, we can hear an echo his words. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Well, I don't mean that Shoreham is that rough that we have literal or metaphorical wolves or people roaming into town off the downs.

But something we can all do is, as Jesus directed, "When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. Something to remember when we visit friends or the coffee shop, the food shops, the garage and the clothes stores. All it needs is a cheery greeting to the sales assistants or baristas. Thanking the bus drivers, as I'm sure we all do, even if on the journey we have been shaken to pieces by the potholes! That is spreading the gospel of the love of Jesus Christ in our parish. Amen

St Luke wrote not only the Gospel bearing his name, but also its sequel, the Acts of the Apostles, and so more than a quarter of the New Testament.

What Luke especially observed, diagnosed and painted, at least in words, was Christ's special care for the little ones: women, the poor and children.

It is in Luke's Gospel that so many women lead in bearing, identifying, praising or serving God and we hear Jesus declaring Himself anointed to bring Good News to the poor and that the poor, hungry and oppressed are the Blessed ones in God's kingdom.

May this great evangelist continue to inspire and guide us today.

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