

Sermon Notes

Prayer Diary

Sunday 27th June

Pray we would be those who cling to Christ, no matter what the cost. Pray for anyone you know who needs to return to Christ (Ruth 1).

Monday 28th June

Pray for our Youthie as they meet together tonight. Pray for the young people that 'Christ will dwell in their hearts through faith.' Ephesians 3:17

Tuesday 29th June

Pray for our connect groups as they meet tonight. Pray that the bible will be taught faithfully, and people will feel challenged and encouraged by the study. Pray strong friendship will develop within the groups.

Wednesday 30th June

Pray for Bishop David Sheppard School. Pray as a church, we form stronger links with the school, the children and their families. Pray for families in who are struggling with life, pray that their needs will be met, and they receive all the help they need.

Thursday 1st July

Pray for those in our church family who are struggling with illness and bereavement. Pray for healing and comfort. Pray they 'hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. Hebrews 10:23

Friday 2nd July

Pray for Wellfield church. Pray that the new ladies coming along to bible study pray that their complicated lives will not be a hurdle to hearing the Gospel. Pray for Pete the curate as he seeks a leadership position. Pray that the right place will come up for him.

Saturday 3rd July

Give thanks for the many toddlers and babies we have in our church family and for the joy they bring us. Pray they look forward to coming along to church. If they go into creche pray they settle and listen to the story and learn about the love God has for them.

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WITH ALL SOULS

W E L C O M E

Sunday 27th June

9am & 11am Communion

Ruth 1: "Feeling far from God"

COVID-19 & Services

Thank you for coming this morning - we're delighted to have you with us!

We've done everything we can to make our services as safe and welcoming as possible. We are required by law to wear masks inside the building, we have some disposable ones by the door if you have forgotten yours.

We ask that windows remain open and that you take this sheet away with you at the end of the service. Please follow the one-way system and leave by the Fire Exit at the front of the building.

Our 11am service will be livestreamed and available every Sunday via our website and YouTube Channel. Why not share the link with a friend or family member?

Our Vision Statement

**"To call people into a loving
community that follows Jesus Christ"**

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RUTH 1

¹ In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. So, a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. ² The man's name was Elimelek, his wife's name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there. ³ Now Elimelek, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴ They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, ⁵ both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶ When Naomi heard in Moab that the Lord had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. ⁷ With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah. ⁸ Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back, each of you, to your mother's home. May the Lord show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me. ⁹ May the Lord grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband." Then she kissed them goodbye and they wept aloud ¹⁰ and said to her, "We will go back with you to your people."

¹¹ But Naomi said, "Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? ¹² Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me—even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons— ¹³ would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the Lord's hand has turned against me!" ¹⁴ At this they wept aloud again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her. ¹⁵ "Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her."

¹⁶ But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go, I will go, and where you stay, I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. ¹⁷ Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me." ¹⁸ When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her. ¹⁹ So the two women went on until they came Bethlehem. When they arrived in Bethlehem, the whole

town was stirred because of them, and the women exclaimed, "Can this be Naomi?" ²⁰ "Don't call me Naomi," she told them. "Call me Mara, because the Almighty has made my life very bitter. ²¹ I went away full, but the Lord has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi? The Lord has afflicted me; the Almighty has brought misfortune upon me." ²² So Naomi returned from Moab accompanied by Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, arriving in Bethlehem as the barley harvest was beginning.

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 4th July – 9am & 11am service

Ruth 2: 'How do I know God cares?'

The 11am will be livestreamed and will include a supervised creche and Junior Church in the hall for ages 3-14s. Book in by emailing admin@stsimonsouthport.org.uk

LIVING THE BEAUTIFUL STORY

www.livingout.org

The organisation Living Out has been set up to help Christian's live in faithfulness to Christ, especially in the areas of sexuality and identity. There are lots of stories, resources, articles and answers to questions you might still be asking. If you would like to read more on the topic of sexuality and identity, we recommend the following books which can be purchased from www.thegoodbook.co.uk

Does God care who I sleep with? – Sam Allberry £6.79

Is God anti-gay? – Sam Allberry £3.99

Swipe up – Jason Roach £6.79

The Plausibility Problem – Ed Shaw £6.19

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

13th July **Prayer Meeting** at 7.30pm on Zoom.

August **Summer Picnics** – On the first four Sundays in August, we'll be holding a bring your own picnic lunch at various locations around Southport. All welcome, more details to follow.



Is this your first time?

Hello & welcome!
Please make yourself at home.

Need anything?

Ask one of our welcome team who will be pleased to help you.

Young Children

Groups for 3-14s are held in the hall during the 11am service. Please drop off children before the service begins and collect from the car park doors at the end. We also run a supervised creche for under 3s.

Hearing difficulties?

A hearing loop is installed.

Mobile Phones

Please turn them off or to silent.