

Sermon Notes

Prayer Diary

Sunday 4th July

Give thanks for the great kindness of God, shown and experienced through Jesus our redeemer. Pray we live full of joy and wonder

Monday 5th July

Pray for the ladies who usually come to Ladies Christian Fellowship. Pray they will keep their links with church and be able to start back soon. Pray they will grow in faith and pray friendships will be rekindled.

Tuesday 6th July

Pray for those from our church who have completed a year on the North West Partnership Ministry training course. Pray the tools they have learnt to teach the Bible will be used for the glory of God, for the sharing of the Gospel and for the building up of Gods people.

Wednesday 7th July

Pray for the drug users in our town. Pray help is offered and accepted. Pray they seek Christ and in Him find love, mercy, meaning, freedom, and dignity.

Thursday 8th July

Pray for those in our church family who are struggling with illness and bereavement. Pray for healing and comfort. Pray they can say 'Behold God is my salvation; I will trust and will not be afraid.' Isaiah 12:2

Friday 9th July

Pray for persecuted Christians around the world. Pray for the work of Open Doors as they support the persecuted church. Pray especially for believers in North Korea. Pray they keep believing and trusting in God.

Saturday 10th July

Give thanks we can sing outside. Pray our singing will be a witness to our parish, pray people will be drawn in and want to hear about Jesus. Pray our worship is true worship, pleasing to God. Pray that our singing encourages us to walk closer to God.

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W E L C O M E

Sunday 4th July

9am & 11am Service

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

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 2

2 Now Naomi had a relative on her husband's side, a man of standing from the clan of Elimelek, whose name was Boaz. ² And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the fields and pick up the leftover grain behind anyone in whose eyes I find favour." Naomi said to her, "Go ahead, my daughter." ³ So she went out, entered a field and began to glean behind the harvesters. As it turned out, she was working in a field belonging to Boaz, who was from the clan of Elimelek. ⁴ Just then Boaz arrived from Bethlehem and greeted the harvesters, "The Lord be with you!" "The Lord bless you!" they answered. ⁵ Boaz asked the overseer of his harvesters, "Who does that young woman belong to?" ⁶ The overseer replied, "She is the Moabite who came back from Moab with Naomi." ⁷ She said, 'Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves behind the harvesters.' She came into the field and has remained here from morning till now, except for a short rest in the shelter."

⁸ So Boaz said to Ruth, "My daughter, listen to me. Don't go and glean in another field and don't go away from here. Stay here with the women who work for me. ⁹ Watch the field where the men are harvesting and follow along after the women. I have told the men not to lay a hand on you. And whenever you are thirsty, go and get a drink from the water jars the men have filled." ¹⁰ At this, she bowed down with her face to the ground. She asked him, "Why have I found such favour in your eyes that you notice me—a foreigner?" ¹¹ Boaz replied, "I've been told all about what you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband—how you left your father and mother and your homeland and came to live with a people you did not know before. ¹² May the Lord repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge." ¹³ "May I continue to find favour in your eyes, my lord," she said. "You have put me at ease by speaking kindly to your servant—though I do not have the standing of one of your servants."

¹⁴ At mealtime Boaz said to her, "Come over here. Have some bread and dip it in the wine vinegar." When she sat down with the harvesters, he offered her some roasted grain. She ate all she wanted and had some left over. ¹⁵ As she got up to glean, Boaz gave orders to his men, "Let her gather among the sheaves and don't reprimand her. ¹⁶ Even pull out some stalks for her from the bundles and leave them for her to pick up, and don't rebuke her."

¹⁷ So Ruth gleaned in the field until evening. Then she threshed the barley she had gathered, and it amounted to about an ephah.

¹⁸ She carried it back to town, and her mother-in-law saw how much she had gathered. Ruth also brought out and gave her what she had left over after she had eaten enough. ¹⁹ Her mother-in-law asked her, "Where did you glean today? Where did you work? Blessed be the man who took notice of you!" Then Ruth told her mother-in-law about the one at whose place she had been working. "The name of the man I worked with today is Boaz," she said.

²⁰ "The Lord bless him!" Naomi said to her daughter-in-law. "He has not stopped showing his kindness to the living and the dead." She added, "That man is our close relative; he is one of our guardian-redeemers." ²¹ Then Ruth the Moabite said, "He even said to me, 'Stay with my workers until they finish harvesting all my grain.'"

²² Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, "It will be good for you, my daughter, to go with the women who work for him, because in someone else's field you might be harmed." ²³ So Ruth stayed close to the women of Boaz to glean until the barley and wheat harvests were finished. And she lived with her mother-in-law.

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 11th July – 9am communion & 11am baptism service

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 6th July – Ladies Christian Fellowship service

Begins at 7pm with time to chat afterwards.

Tuesday 13th July – Church Prayer Meeting, 7.30pm

Helen Sheridan, our Crosslinks mission partner, will be joining us to update us on her work over the last year.
Meeting ID: 830 1421 7210; Passcode: StSimons
Dial in: 0208 080 6592

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.