

Sermon Notes

Prayer Diary

Sunday 11th July

Pray we would be those who continually take refuge with Christ, our great Redeemer (Ruth 3).

Monday 12th July

Pray for our prayer meeting as well meet together on zoom tomorrow night. Pray it is a time of encouragement for everyone. Pray for Helen Sheridan from Crosslinks as she shares with us about the work she does.

Tuesday 13th July

Pray for those struggling with mental illness within our church, community, and town. Pray for healing and peace for their minds. Pray that they turn to Christ and find the peace that passes all understanding.

Wednesday 14th July

Pray for Wellfield church. Give thanks Pete the Curate has found a position to go to. Pray for Mark the vicar as he tries to reach men in the community with the gospel. Pray that he uses every opportunity well.

Thursday 15th July

Pray for our band as they meet to practise tonight. Give thanks for the gifts God has given them.

Friday 16th July

Pray for those in our church family who are struggling with illness and bereavement. Pray for healing and comfort. Pray they can say 'when I am afraid, I put my trust in you, In God I trust; I shall not be afraid.' Psalm 56:3&4

Saturday 17th July

Pray for our Junior Church children and leaders. Give thanks for the children we have. Pray they will grow to love and to follow Jesus and witness to their friends about His grace and mercy. Pray for good and lasting friendships to develop between them all.

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W E L C O M E

Sunday 11th July

9am & 11am service

Ruth 3: 'Where to find refuge'

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 3

3 One day Ruth's mother-in-law Naomi said to her, "My daughter, I must find a home for you, where you will be well provided for. **2** Now Boaz, with whose women you have worked, is a relative of ours. Tonight, he will be winnowing barley on the threshing floor. **3** Wash, put on perfume, and get dressed in your best clothes. Then go down to the threshing floor, but don't let him know you are there until he has finished eating and drinking. **4** When he lies down, note the place where he is lying. Then go and uncover his feet and lie down. He will tell you what to do."

5 "I will do whatever you say," Ruth answered. **6** So she went down to the threshing floor and did everything her mother-in-law told her to do.

7 When Boaz had finished eating and drinking and was in good spirits, he went over to lie down at the far end of the grain pile. Ruth approached quietly, uncovered his feet and lay down. **8** In the middle of the night something startled the man; he turned—and there was a woman lying at his feet!

9 "Who are you?" he asked. "I am your servant Ruth," she said. "Spread the corner of your garment over me, since you are a guardian-redeemer of our family."

10 "The Lord bless you, my daughter," he replied. "This kindness is greater than that which you showed earlier: You have not run after the younger men, whether rich or poor. **11** And now, my daughter, don't be afraid. I will do for you all you ask. All the people of my town know that you are a woman of noble character. **12** Although it is true that I am a guardian-redeemer of our family, there is another who is more closely related than I. **13** Stay here for the night, and in the morning if he wants to do his duty as your guardian-redeemer, good; let him redeem you. But if he is not willing, as surely as the Lord lives, I will do it. Lie here until morning."

14 So she lay at his feet until morning but got up before anyone could be recognized; and he said, "No one must know that a woman came to the threshing floor."

15 He also said, "Bring me the shawl you are wearing and hold it out." When she did so, he poured into it six measures of barley and placed the bundle on her. Then he went back to town.

16 When Ruth came to her mother-in-law, Naomi asked, "How did it go, my daughter?" Then she told her everything Boaz had done for her **17** and added, "He gave me these six measures of barley, saying, 'Don't go back to your mother-in-law empty-handed.'"

18 Then Naomi said, "Wait, my daughter, until you find out what happens. For the man will not rest until the matter is settled today."

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 18th July – 9am & 11am service

Ruth 4: 'Will there be a happy ever after?'

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 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 Services & Picnics

From Sunday 1st August to Sunday 5th September there will be one service at 10am. On the first four Sundays in August, we'll be holding a bring your own picnic lunch at various locations around Southport. A summer services flyer will be available next week.

CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY: 3rd-5th SEPTEMBER

Rev Mark Pickles will be speaking from Exodus 34 on "The Glory of God and the Great Longing of the Human Heart" - how the gospel is good news for both victims of injustice and those in need of grace. There are still a couple of spaces, contact alex_swarbrick@hotmail.com to book

HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY TO GEORGE PHILLIPS



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.