

Sermon Notes

Prayer Diary

Sunday 18th July

Give thanks that we have a willing Redeemer in Jesus, who saved us at great cost to himself. Pray that we would look forward to our full and final redemption when he returns.

Monday 19th July

Pray for Happy Mondays as they meet. Pray it will be a place where Jesus is spoken of naturally and people feel welcomed. Pray the children will enjoy playing together and hearing the Bible story.

Tuesday 20th July

Pray for the Liverpool Diocese. Pray it will continue to preach Christ crucified and will faithfully teach God's word. Pray for Bishops Paul, Bev and Rod. Pray they will 'trust in the Lord with all their heart and lean not on their own understanding.' Proverbs 3:5&6

Wednesday 21st July

Pray for our Queen. Pray she keeps walking close to God, trusting and glorifying him in her life.

Thursday 22nd July

Pray for the students at the Malawi Evangelical Bible college. Pray for Andrew, Bright, Joseph, McDonald and Elephant. Pray they will grow in knowledge and understanding of God's word and be equipped to teach and pastor.

Friday 23rd July

Pray for those in our church family who are struggling with illness and bereavement. Pray for healing and comfort. Pray they know 'God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.' Philippians 4:19

Saturday 24th July

Pray that more people feel able to come back to church. Pray everyone feels welcome and part of our church family. Pray that we care for one another and support each other, pointing each other to Christ.

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W E L C O M E

Sunday 18th July

9am & 11am Service

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

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 4

4 Meanwhile Boaz went up to the town gate and sat down there just as the guardian-redeemer he had mentioned came along. Boaz said, "Come over here, my friend, and sit down." So he went over and sat down. ² Boaz took ten of the elders of the town and said, "Sit here," and they did so. ³ Then he said to the guardian-redeemer, "Naomi, who has come back from Moab, is selling the piece of land that belonged to our relative Elimelek. ⁴ I thought I should bring the matter to your attention and suggest that you buy it in the presence of these seated here and in the presence of the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, do so. But if you will not, tell me, so I will know. For no one has the right to do it except you, and I am next in line." "I will redeem it," he said. ⁵ Then Boaz said, "On the day you buy the land from Naomi, you also acquire Ruth the Moabite, the dead man's widow, in order to maintain the name of the dead with his property." ⁶ At this, the guardian-redeemer said, "Then I cannot redeem it because I might endanger my own estate. You redeem it yourself. I cannot do it."⁷ (Now in earlier times in Israel, for the redemption and transfer of property to become final, one party took off his sandal and gave it to the other. This was the method of legalizing transactions in Israel.)

⁸ So the guardian-redeemer said to Boaz, "Buy it yourself." And he removed his sandal.⁹ Then Boaz announced to the elders and all the people, "Today you are witnesses that I have bought from Naomi all the property of Elimelek, Kilion and Mahlon. ¹⁰ I have also acquired Ruth the Moabite, Mahlon's widow, as my wife, in order to maintain the name of the dead with his property, so that his name will not disappear from among his family or from his hometown. Today you are witnesses!" ¹¹ Then the elders and all the people at the gate said, "We are witnesses. May the Lord make the woman who is coming into your home like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the family of Israel. May you have standing in Ephrathah and be famous in Bethlehem."¹² Through the offspring the Lord gives you by this young woman, may your family be like that of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah."

¹³ So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. When he made love to her, the Lord enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son.¹⁴ The women said to Naomi: "Praise be to the Lord, who this day has not left you without a guardian-redeemer. May he become famous throughout Israel! ¹⁵ He will renew your life and sustain you in your old age. For your daughter-in-law, who loves you and who is better to you than seven sons, has given him birth."

¹⁶ Then Naomi took the child in her arms and cared for him. ¹⁷ The women living there said, "Naomi has a son!" And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

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¹⁸ This, then, is the family line of Perez:

Perez was the father of Hezron,

¹⁹ Hezron the father of Ram,

Ram the father of Amminadab

²⁰ Amminadab the father of Nahshon

Nahshon the father of Salmon,

²¹ Salmon the father of Boaz,

Boaz the father of Obed

²² Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David.

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 25th July

9am communion & 11am all age

'Learning to pray with Jesus' (Matthew 6:5-15)

With the easing of national restrictions we have more freedom and flexibility in our services from next Sunday. Updated guidance has only just been released and will be worked through in the coming week. Please be assured that we will make decisions which both keep our services safe whilst making the most of the greater freedom on offer. Keep up to date by joining our mailing list (email admin@stsimonsouthport.org.uk) or visit our website.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Summer Services & Picnics

From Sunday 1st August to Sunday 5th September there will be one service at 10.30am. On the first four Sundays in August, we'll be holding a bring your own picnic lunch at various locations around Southport. Full details on the Summer Services flyer.



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.