

05 MARCH 2023

LENT 2

09.30 Family Service

11.00am Holy Communion

SERMON SERIES: BORDERS & BELONGING, Ruth 1

With children's activity table

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WORSHIP

COMING UP

05 th	9.30 Family Service
	11.00 Holy Communion
12^{th}	11.00 Morning Worship

- 16th 12.15 Taize Prayer & Communion Service
- 19th 11.00 Holy Communion, *Mothering Sunday*
- 26th 9.30 BCP Communion 11.00 All Age Morning Service & Baptism

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Family Service	05 Mar, 9.30am
Film Bible Study [Yrs 10-12]	12 Mar, 10am
Splash [Reception to Yr 6]	12 & 19 Mar, 11am
Grid [Yrs 7 to 10]	12 Mar, 11am
Eco Youth [Yrs 7 to 12]	19 Mar, 11am
All Age Morning Worship	26 Mar, 11am

MIDWEEK

Daily Prayers Monday to Thursday, 12- 1.00pm Taize Communion Thursday 16 March, 12.15pm

GROUPS

BARNEY'S TODDLER GROUP

Monday and Wednesday mornings (9.30-11.00) for mums, dads, grand-parents and their little ones.

SENIORS' ACTIVITIES

Lunches: 02 Mar, 16 Mar, 30 Mar at 1pm Thursday Activities: 09 Mar & 23 Mar at 1pm Keep on Moving classes: 07, 14, 21, 28 Mar, 2pm

NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS

Connect people in small groups for support and prayer through the week.

Please speak to any member of staff if you would like more information. Fill in a Welcome Card if you would like to leave your details and one of the clergy will contact you this week.

NOTICES

LENT – BORDERS & BELONGING

The Lent discussions based on the book *Borders & Belonging, studies from the book of Ruth* are continuing this Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Windrush Room. Anyone welcome whether or not you have attended the 1st session. Speak to Richard if you do not have a copy of the book.

FIRST COMMUNION

Children in Yr 3 and above who wish to, will be admitted to communion on Easter Sunday. There will be a preparation session on Sunday 26 March, 2.30 to 4pm. Speak to Richard if you are interested.

ELECTORAL ROLL AND ANNUAL MEETINGS

Our APCM and AGM (Parochial Church and General Meetings) will be held during the service on Sunday 23rd April and representatives to the Deanery Synod and Church Council will be elected. The Church Electoral Roll (official list of members) will be revised from 19 March and 04 April – if you wish to be added, please ask for a form.

IN MYRTLE'S MEMORY

We are delighted to share that the collection in memory of Myrtle organised by Pat Shabaan on behalf of the Bible Study Group and the Thursday Fellowship has raised an amazing £182. This will fund the Myrtle tree and go towards further embellishment to the church gardens. Thank you to Pat for organising and to all those who have contributed. It will be a beautiful way to remember Myrtle.

SAFEGUARDING

If you have concerns about someone being at risk or causing a risk, please speak in confidence to Sandrine, the Parish Safeguarding Officer. *A Safe Church* which details safeguarding procedures is available for reference at the back of the worship area.

GIVING TO CHURCH

Your donations enable everything we do. On Sundays, there are two collection plates on your way out, one for cash and one for cards.

For cash, please put your donation in a blue envelope to enable us to claim gift aid on it. For regular giving, or to fill in a regular giving gift aid form, please visit our giving page by clicking on the QR code or speak to Sosy or Sandrine.



*** PLEASE RECYCLE THIS NEWSHEET. THANK YOU ***

THE BIBLE READING Ruth1 (NRSVA)

1 In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. ² The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³ But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴ These took Moabite wives; the name of one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there for about ten years, ⁵ both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons or her husband.

⁶Then she started to return with her daughters-inlaw from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had had consideration for his people and given them food. ⁷ So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah.⁸ But Naomi said to her two daughters-inlaw, 'Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me.⁹ The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.' Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. ¹⁰ They said to her, 'No, we will return with you to your people.' ¹¹ But Naomi said, 'Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹² Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, ¹³ would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because Cont'd the hand of the LORD has turned against me.' ¹⁴ Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵ So she said, 'See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.' ¹⁶ But Ruth said,

'Do not press me to leave you

or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go;

where you lodge, I will lodge;

your people shall be my people,

and your God my God.

¹⁷ Where you die, I will die there will I be buried.

May the LORD do thus and so to me, and more as well,

if even death parts me from you!'

¹⁸ When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

¹⁹ So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. When they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them; and the women said, 'Is this Naomi?' ²⁰ She said to them,

'Call me no longer Naomi,

call me Mara,

for the Almighty has dealt bitterly with me.

²¹ I went away full,

but the LORD has brought me back empty; why call me Naomi

when the LORD has dealt harshly with me,

and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?'

²² So Naomi returned together with Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, who came back with her from the country of Moab. They came to Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest.

This is the Word of the Lord:

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