

# Christ Church Higher Bebington



**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

**Eight Sunday after Trinity**

**Sidespeople:** Tracy O'Connell, Matthew O'Connell, Rose Rogers, John Rogers

**Next week:** Derek Fogg, June Fogg, John Theobald, Judith Renton

This morning Helen Byrne will preach at our 10am Parish Communion.

Weekly sermons are available on the church website: [christchurchbeb.org.uk](http://christchurchbeb.org.uk)

## HYMNS

<i>Processional</i>	15
<i>Gradual</i>	293
<i>Offertory</i>	541
<i>Communion 1</i>	295
<i>Communion 2</i>	299
<i>Recessional</i>	186

## Prayer for the week:

**Lord God, your son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper, save us from pride, when we are needy, save us from despair  
That we may trust in you alone  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord  
Amen**



**Tonight 6.30pm**  
Sung Evensong

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August**  
**9am**

Start the Week with Prayer

**Tuesday 13th August**  
**6.30pm**  
Pause and Pray

## Thoughts for the week:

'When in doubt, do the right thing.'

*Mark Twain*

'When all the dust is settled and all the crowds are gone, the things that matter are faith, family and friends.'

*Barbara Bush*

'So we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually, we are members of one another.' Romans 12:5

**We are continuing our Sunday August series from the book of Ruth and will be having Holy Communion every week at 10 am.**

Sunday Club will meet today to enjoy outdoor activities weather allowing. Anyone willing to help with these activities either today or later in the month, please let Krista Robinson know.

The first reading is from Ruth 2: 1-23.

Now Naomi had a relative on her husband's side, a man of standing from the clan of Elimelek, whose name was Boaz.

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.' 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.

Just then Boaz arrived from Bethlehem and greeted the harvesters, 'The LORD be with you!'

'The LORD bless you!' they answered.

Boaz asked the overseer of his harvesters, 'Who does that young woman belong to?'

The overseer replied, 'She is the Moabite who came back from Moab with Naomi. 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.'

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. 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.'

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?'

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. 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.'

'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.'

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. As she got up to glean, Boaz gave orders to his men, 'Let her gather among the sheaves and don't reprimand her. Even pull out some stalks for her from the bundles and leave them for her to pick up, and don't rebuke her.'

So Ruth gleaned in the field until evening. Then she threshed the barley she had gathered, and it amounted to about an ephah. 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. 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. '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. Then Ruth the Moabite said, 'He even said to me, "Stay with my workers until they finish harvesting all my grain." 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.'

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 1:46-55. (NIV)

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

And Mary said,

My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me – holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants for ever, just as he promised our ancestors.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**



## *'Listening to the Lord'*

Meditation group

led by George

Sunday 18th August,

4pm - 5pm

Kings Hall



**Monday 12th August at 2.15pm.**

Happy Reading Group will be meeting in the Troughton Room.



The next meetings will be on **Tuesday 13th August**, at 1pm and 7.30pm in the Troughton Room. All welcome



Connect Café in the Kings Hall. All are very welcome.

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 10.00am - 12.00 noon**



**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 10.30am** Holy Communion in church.



**Wednesday 14th August 1.30pm**

Our mental health support group Oasis, will meet in the Troughton Room. All welcome.



**Tuesday 20th August at 10.30am**

Singing Café in Kings Hall. All welcome

**Funeral this week:**

Monday 12th

2pm

Eunice Pass

Christ Church

**Anniversaries:**

Gertrude Fernley, Arthur Topliss, Rob Parker, Cyril Dodd, Jean Holroyd, Mary Halliday, Reginald Stringer, Sarah Lindley, Francis Jones, Pat McGreevy, Eric Jones, Christopher Edge, Irene McKeown, Ada Simmons, Constance Charles, John Whitehead, Eileen Whitehead, Eileen Varley

**Prayer List:** Sharon Beecham, Ann Bisbrown-Lee, George Bond, Roger Bunn, Yvonne Cranny, Elsa Dowling, Nora Duncan, John Evans, Denise Foster, Cara Elise Hartt, Simon Hayes, Pam Hollinshead, Lyndsey Howard, Brian Hughes, Anne Jones, Ted Jones, Richard Kelly, Jim Lloyd, Kathleen Mary Malcolm, Wendy Martin, Brenda McGrattan, Heather Millington, Caroline Murphy, Lorraine Petropoulou, Rita Quine, Howard Rogers, Jenny Rome, Joanne Russell, John Russell, Lynn Scott, Ina Shorrocks, Janet Shorrocks, Barbara Smith, Ann Tait, Keira Taylor, Roisin Terris, Jean Thelwell, Jackie Turner, Keelin Turner, Malcolm Wheatley, Ron White, Whittaker Family, Sophie.

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