

Sandhurst & Yateley

Sunday 7th June 20

Bible Month week 1 - Ruth Chapter 1

Call to worship and opening prayer *(see the words below)*

1st hymn: When morning gilds the skies

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gT7Kh88CrL4>

Reading of Ruth Chapter 1 by Douglas

<https://youtu.be/-OGqc3bV2d8>

2nd hymn: Let there be love

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5mvs6rMJuwC>

Reflections video BM1 reflections

<https://youtu.be/NaV139FnCCI>

3rd hymn: I watch the sunrise

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8PVPLoXAp_Y

Prayers & Lord's Prayer

<https://youtu.be/njRmXQLsNqc> *(words available below)*

The blessing is also our 4th hymn: Go peaceful *(words of hymn below)*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MRi4ExcZso>

Call to worship:

Our call to worship is taken from 'A Wee Worship Book' an Iona/Celtic resource

Way beyond all journeying, truth beyond all mystery,
Life within all living: **We praise you**

Salve for every soreness, mender of every brokenness,
Midwife of the future: **We praise you**

Ground of all being, Judge of all nations,
Conscience of the universe: **We praise you**

Maker, redeemer, confessor, companion, befriender, inspirer,
God beyond all names: **We praise you Amen**

Opening Prayer:

Lord God,
We come before you today in our separate circumstances
yet united by our love and through our worship of you.

Breathe your peace into our homes and our lives, we pray.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts and inspire the words of our mouths
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Prayers of intercession:

Lord God,

Sometimes it seems that the established order of things is crumbling all around us. Yet you are Almighty God and hold the whole world in your hands. You reign supreme over the greatest and the least. There is no situation so big that we can not entrust it to you, knowing that you are mindful of it and work within it. There are no fears or worries too personal or trivial that we cannot share them with you, knowing that you who sees even the sparrow fall, care about us and our lives.

Lord of life and death, as we learn to cope with a life that has been so changed by the effects of the Coronavirus and the measures needed to contain it, we continue to be anxious for ourselves and for our loved ones. Protect them we pray and bring them and us through this present time. We think of those who have lost people dear to them and not been able to say goodbye in the way they would have wished. Please draw close to them, wrap your eternally-loving arms around them.

Lord of love, we continue to miss those friends and family members we can't see regularly, but we are grateful for the easing of restrictions that means there can now be some contact, and for the technology which has enabled us to keep in touch. We pray that as the lockdown restrictions are gradually lifted, the pandemic will continue to be contained.

Lord God, you care about all those who are in difficult circumstances and we lift to you now those we know of who may be in abusive homes or who are struggling financially. We fear the impact a global recession could have on people, especially those who are already the poorest in our societies. We pray that you will give us opportunity to help in whatever ways we can.

God of justice, as we think of the news during this last week, we may rightly be appalled at police brutality in the US, yet there are so many other injustices across this world, too. Inspire and enable us that we might be voices of fairness and peace, that we may speak out for the oppressed and act with mercy.

Creator God, you have given us a beautiful planet but we have not always respected it nor used its resources sparingly and equitably. Just as the environment finishes taking a long deep breath of clean air, so we begin to return to travel and work and the emissions rise again. We hear of the dreadful oil spill in the Arctic and our hearts ache at the thought of the immediate devastation to wildlife and the long-term and more profound effects on nature. Forgive us for our neglect and teach us better ways to live.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Heavenly God, father and mother of us all, we offer you these prayers and all the prayers of our hearts through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who taught us as we pray to say.....

Our Father, who art in heaven.....

Last hymn:

Go peaceful, in gentleness,

Through the violence of these days.

Give freely, show tenderness,

in all your ways.

Through darkness, in troubled times,

let holiness be your aim.

Seek wisdom, live faithfulness,

burn light of flame.

God speed you, God lead you

and keep you wrapped around his heart

May you be known by love.

Be righteous, speak truthfully

in a world of greed and lies,

Show kindness, see everyone

through heaven's eyes.

God hold you, enfold you

and keep you wrapped around his heart.

May you be known by love, may you be known by love.