

# Marcham Baptist Church

(Packhorse Lane)

## January 2008

### Sunday

### Morning Worship at 10.30 am

(Communion every first and third Sundays)

*Our speakers this month include:*

Jan 6th Rev. Brian John of Wantage

Jan 13th Mr Paul Wilson of Abingdon

Jan 20th Pastor Bory Pilgrim of Frilford Chapel

Jan 27th Mr Paul Revell of Cholsey Baptist Church



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## Women of the Bible

### Ruth - A Moabite Woman of Devoted Love

Ruth lived around 1100BC. She did exceptional things for God.

Naomi, her husband and two sons went to Moab, where the sons married Ruth and Orpah. When her husband and sons died, Naomi decided to return to Bethlehem. Ruth refused to be left behind, demonstrating unusual loyalty and commitment by putting the needs of Naomi before her own.

God didn't desert them when they lost their husbands. He was there in the pain, poverty and uncertainty.

In Bethlehem, Ruth gathers barley in the fields of Boaz (Naomi's relative) to provide for them. As time goes by, she finds favour with Boaz and then at Naomi's instigation Ruth hides until he is asleep on the threshing floor then lies down at his feet. When Boaz awakes, Ruth expresses a desire to marry him according to the custom of kinsman-redeemer. Another relative who has a claim renounces it and Boaz marries Ruth to the joy of Naomi.

Loyalty, love, kindness and the need to understand each other stand out in the book of Ruth.

#### **Ruth Chap. 1 v. 16:**

*Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.*

## Everyone Welcome

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