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Liturgical Date: Year B, Pentecost 23, 31st October 2021

****Please note the messages for this month have been recorded using Zoom and not the usual filming using camera, due to Covid restrictions.**

Presenter **Kate Thornley**

Focus Readings Ruth 1:1-18

Message 7 minutes 35 seconds **"Ruth"**

Discussion Starters

- 1** When was a time in your life when you were faithful to another person?
- 2** What is it like to be faithful to another person or situation?
- 3** What is it like to be faithful to God? What does it look like? Feel like?
- 4** How do you see God is faithful to you in your life?

Other Lectionary readings for the day

Psalm 146 In contrast to human leaders, God brings justice to the oppressed.

Hebrews 9:11-14 While former priests offered animal blood to purify human flesh, Christ as our high priest offers his own blood to purify us even more and prepare us for worship.

Mark 12:28-34 Jesus converses with a legal expert saying that the great commandment is to love God with the whole self and the second is to love your neighbour as yourself. These actions are greater than any other sacrifices and mark God's reign or kingdom.

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All Age Message Kate Thornley **"What's in a name"**

Length 4 Minutes 5 seconds

Precis of AAM

Ruth's name meant 'friend'. Our names are gifts from God. Sometimes the names our parents gave us, had special significance. In today's story, Ruth was a friend to Naomi – friends are gifts from God too. Friends are a bit like our dog or cat and offer unconditional love. God is like that too. Think about how we can be friends with other people who are outside of our normal pool of people.

Resources **Uniting in Worship (Blue Book)** Psalm 146, page 352-353

Kate Thornley

Works as a Chaplain. At the time of recording was in Orange NSW.