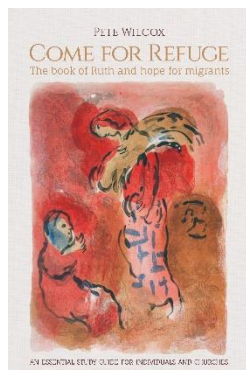


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Come for Refuge

The book of Ruth and hope for migrants

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Come For Refuge is a timely and illuminating exposition of the book of Ruth, which reads the text through the lens of the global migration crisis. Interwoven with sections of biblical exposition are short testimonies of contemporary refugees and asylum seekers from Sheffield, England and Melbourne, Australia. Including six study sessions for groups and individuals, the book offers a hopeful vision of what migration can contribute to the world. It gently challenges Christians who have not thought much about migration to do so – especially those who have absorbed an essentially negative view of it – at a time when it is clear the subject is going to remain politically live for the world. For Bishop Pete, the book has a double aim: ‘The Bible has been the most priceless means of grace for me and I love to make it accessible, and my particular hope here is to provoke people to think more warmly towards refugees and asylum seekers.’

Praise for Come for Refuge

‘There is a potency in the dialogue between contemporary voices and ancient text, each illuminating and enhancing the other, and together revealing that amid pain and tragedy there is also light and hope.’ – *The Rt Revd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, bishop of Chelmsford*

‘In a world where hostility to migrants is on the rise, Bishop Pete shows us the striking themes and similarities in journeys between Ruth and Naomi and modern migrants. The case studies highlight the desperate challenges but also the route to belonging that many migrants follow. It paints a vivid picture of the necessity of movement of people, from famine, loss, and persecution to returning home and the equal necessity for us to welcome and show understanding to our migrant communities.’
– *Olivia Blake, MP for Sheffield, Hallam*

‘I have seen both the deep gifts migrants bring and the profound vulnerabilities they carry. Pete Wilcox names these realities in this beautiful book with honesty and grace, challenging church and society alike to respond not with fear, but with love, compassion, and faithful welcome. *Come for Refuge* deserves to be widely read, studied, and shared!’ – *The Most Revd Ric Thorpe, archbishop of Melbourne*

About the author

Pete Wilcox has been bishop of Sheffield since 2017. He has been ordained for over 30 years and has spent most of that time in the north and in urban settings. He is the author of three books: *Living the Dream* (2007), *Walking the Walk* (2009) and *Talking the Talk* (2011) and a memoir, *The Year of the Lord’s Favour*, published in 2025. More information [here](#).

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