**Services for Own Arrangements prepared by Margaret Roe**

These services have been based on Women of the Bible telling their stories, using the reflections in my books.

Each service uses three or four reflections, with brief introductions with some helpful background and short comments after the reflections often posing some questions for further thought.

Hymns and prayers are included, giving a complete service.

Five hymns are selected for each service from Singing the Faith but most can also be found in Songs of Fellowship and/or Mission Praise. Usually a choice of two is given, recognising that churches have their own preferences as to the style of hymn/worship song. I have tried to choose hymns that reflect the theme of the service and their place in the service but please feel free to choose other hymns to suit your congregation.

There is a Call to Worship and two prayers, the opening one of Praise and Confession and the second Prayers of intercession. There are sometimes spaces in the prayers of intercession for the leader to add prayers relevant to events that are happening in the world or to members of the church family. Please feel free to adapt the prayers.

I suggest that one person leads the service, announcing hymns, leading the prayers and the introduction and the comments, whilst other readers could do the reflections and the Bible readings.

I hope you enjoy using the services and that your congregations find them helpful.

Any suggestions for improvements are welcome, particularly modern worship songs which fit in with the themes.

Services to be provided. The first four are currently available.

1. Sarah and Hagar
2. Rebekah (and Deborah)
3. Rachel and Leah
4. Birth of Moses – midwife, Miriam and Pharoah’s daughter
5. Ruth
6. Naomi
7. David’s wives
8. Esther (2 services)
9. Rhoda (and Mary, mother of John Mark)
10. Lydia and slave girl
11. Dorcas
12. Timothy

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