

# Imagine!



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Talent'

**I** imagine a room full of people waiting, in expectancy, of a promise fulfilled, but when? For weeks now they had hoped, imagined the world, themselves, transformed: a new vision for life. Before he left, for goodness knew where, the last thing he said was: 'Wait for the promised power from above.' Seven times seven days had passed, came the fiftieth day: still they waited, patiently, quietly, prayerfully, trusting that: 'Not many days from now and it will be as I said, as the One who sent me told it.'

All of a sudden, out of the blue, blew a gale - strong, loud, rattling doors, shaking the place where they gathered! Next, flames, but, as at that bush which drew Moses out of his miseries toward the holy, the flame did not harm, but fired them with prophetic vision, inspiring the speaking of truth to power, and, in the market place each heard in their own tongue: human judgements are no longer final, losers become winners!

Imagine how fair the world would be, once God takes a hand, and not that his hand has ever slackened: his was active in Jesus, whose hands were once nailed to a tree, body left for dead, and buried, but afterwards showed himself alive to anxious friends! This same power which raised Christ from death, births his church into life with vision of a world made whole.

The United Reformed Church, wanting to realise afresh such a vision in its own life, invites all member churches to sign up to Vision 4 Life. Over 590 churches have signed up so far; at Stansted we are signing up! Over three years we shall take a deeper look at the Bible, engage in fresh ways with Prayer, and rethink Evangelism, going on to - well, just imagine!

*Allen Morton*

## New Minister at Saffron Walden Methodist Church

Revd David Keeble, presently minister at Benfleet Baptist Church, will be coming to join the circuit in September 2009. It is a half-time appointment for 3 years with residence in the manse at Saffron Walden.

David will have pastoral responsibility at Saffron Walden, Chrishall and Clavering LEP. He has a wife Fran and two grown up children, Nicola still living at home and Stuart living and working in Ipswich..

We are very much looking forward to his ministry with us.

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# What's on in June

## Worship at Stansted Free Church

- 7th 10.30 am The Worship Team  
New Directions in Worship
- 14th 10.30 am Rev Janet Tollington
- 21st 10.30 am Rev Allen Morton  
Holy Communion
- 28th 10.30 am Rev John Buxton

**Morning worship is followed by coffee. All are welcome.**

## Other Activities

- Mon 1st 6.00 pm Pilots in the Hall  
8.00 pm Shalom at 7 Blythwood Gardens  
Col Alan Hart - Street Pastors
- Thu 4th 7.30 pm Worship Leaders' Course in the Hall
- Sun 7th 11.30 am Fairtrade goods on sale after service
- Tue 9th 10.00 am Church Oversight Group at 7 Blythwood Gdns
- Thu 11th 7.30 pm Worship Leaders' Course in the Hall
- Mon 15th 6.00 pm Pilots in the Hall  
8.00 pm Shalom in the Hall  
Rev Stuart Veitch - Bible Study
- Wed 17th 8.00 pm Circuit Finance Meeting in the Hall
- Mon 29th 6.00 pm Pilots in the Hall  
8.00 pm Shalom at 7 Blythwood Gardens  
Brian & Eileen Quinn - plays

**Café Worship comes to Stansted Free Church**  
**6.30 pm Sunday 5th July led by Rev Stuart Veitch**

*A Café style service with coffee during the service*

**Music led by Bishop's Stortford Methodist Church**

Part of the Worship Leaders' Course, but open to all

***Please join us!***

## From the Secretary

As you will all know Janet and Brian are moving from Stansted. We shall be very sad to see them go but wish them every happiness in their new home. Janet has been part of this church all her life and I think has held every post imaginable during that time, except organist - and Brian has done that one! She has been church secretary, joint treasurer, elder and now deacon; has been responsible for pulpit supply and hall lettings; and organised the Shoe Boxes, with she and Brian storing the full ones in their house until they have been collected or they have delivered them to the warehouse in Harlow! Janet was a member of the choir many years ago, before their boys were born - yes we did have quite a large choir, consisting of at least 15 men and women who met every Thursday evening to practise the hymns and the chant for the following Sunday and an anthem for special occasions.

Brian is a relative 'newcomer', having been brought up in Thaxted and a Baptist at that, but we don't hold that against him! However, having lived in Stansted for over 40 years I think he has earned the right to be called a local. Brian has done so much for our church: he was responsible for overseeing the renovation work on the church and the hall, not forgetting the car park, and we wouldn't have the beautiful building we have now if it hadn't been for his skill, hard work and determination to see it through. His musical ability has been appreciated when he has played the organ, often when in pain from his bad back. I for one will miss his voluntaries at the end of the service.

They will be a hard act to follow but we have to let them go and so various people have 'volunteered' to take on their jobs. I'm sure we will find other things that they did which nobody has thought of but we'll deal with them as and when.

Marion and Mike Dyer will take on heating and hall letting. Marion Pretty will be responsible for vestry duties, meeting and greeting the preacher and reading the notices, so please give any notices to Marion before the Sunday if possible, but if you have to give them to her at the last minute please write them clearly.

Marion will also collect any prayer requests during the first hymn; you will find prayer request slips on the table by the hymn books. Ted Pretty is going to join Alan and Mike on the property committee; Ted worked for English Heritage so we are in good hands. I shall be looking after pastoral matters so if you or anyone you know has a problem that the church can help with or there is something that the ministers need to know please contact me. Pulpit supply is in progress; we'll let you know when a name has been confirmed. If anyone would like to take Janet's turn on the flower and coffee rota I would be very grateful.

So Janet and Brian a very big thank you for all you have done for the church and the village. There will be a big gap when you move on but we wish you well. Keep in touch and come back and see us.

*Betty*

## Ten Most Unique Churches

### No 1 Harajuku: Japanese Futuristic Church



This futuristic church is located in Tokyo and it was first unveiled by the design firm of Ciel Rouge Creation in 2005.



The ceiling is specially made to reverberate natural sound for two seconds to provide a unique listening experience for worshippers and tourists.



# Shalom

*Please join us - all welcome*

Meetings are 8 pm at 7 Blythwood Gdns  
unless otherwise stated

1st June	Col Alan Hart: Street Pastors
15th June	Rev Stuart Veitch: Bible Study (Church Hall)
29th June	Brian & Eileen Quinn: Plays

*Marion Dyer*

## Pilots

Meetings for the rest of this term Mondays 6 - 7.30 pm  
1st, 15th and 29th June, 13th July.

Activities for the term include:

Slides, Films and Stories - an evening with our minister Allen Morton

Art, Craft and Music with Arthur, Michelle and Maria Teresa

Games and Picnic on the Recreation Ground

Collectors' Evening.

Awards and Seals will be given for work completed during the term. All are welcome to visit us on any evening. Please support your Pilot Group.

*Valerie Trundle 813433*

## When they're gone, they're gone!

Your last chance to buy a souvenir Stansted mug at a real bargain price of just 50 pence. Other souvenir items also available at knock down prices in the church foyer.

These items were originally bought as part of the fundraising efforts for the church re-furbishment. Please help us clear the remaining stocks! Thank you.

*Janet Townsend*



## Care Time



Please remember in your prayers the following members and friends of our church:

Judy Colliver and family; Iris Evans whose aunt died recently;

Kath Hartnell who is still finding it difficult to get around following a fall; James King who is still unwell;

Ivor Thomas, and Mary Heuch who are not able to attend church;

Valerie Trundle who is still recovering from her fall last year.

Please also remember that the prayer slips are available for Sunday morning worship; if you are unable to be at church, please pass your requests to Marion Pretty or me and we will make sure the preacher for that Sunday knows.

*Betty 813977*

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### Herbert Colliver

The church was full at the recent thanksgiving service for the life of Herbert, whose wife Judy is one of our deacons. Herbert was a quiet but totally dedicated family man who was much loved by his family and friends. He had also been our church auditor for the past two years since we became Stansted Free Church. Herbert will be very much missed and our thoughts and prayers are with Judy and her daughters Penny, Victoria, Alison and Joanna.

### Congratulations ...

... to Phyllis Harrison who will be 90 years' young on 27th June.  
We send you our love and warmest wishes.

### Summer Prom at St John's Church - 7.30 pm Sat 20th June

Tickets for this concert are priced £10 for adults (not £15 as stated in the Link) available from 812849 or on the door.

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### **Sunday Service**

10.30 am      Morning Worship

### **Children's Work**

**Alternate Mondays** 6 pm Pilots for children aged 5 - 18 years.

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