

# Imagine!



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2016

**I** imagine there were no more holidays – not even Bank Holidays! Sadly, many we know and thousands we only hear about, never even manage a few days off or breaks, now a popular addition to a week or two-week holiday. Still, there is always **today**. I am glad our ministers David Mullins and Roy have been able to have their sabbaticals; and we are so happy to have Roy return from his time of prayer, reading and writing, coming to give us, for a start, refreshing new insights on the Lord's Prayer – the prayer for **today**.

Fast forward (or backward!) to St Paul, reminding the Hebrews three or four times at a go of Psalm 95:

***Today** if ye shall hear his voice harden not your hearts...*

I remember when I was eleven I wanted never to be any older – **today** was enough! I feel it now, in a different sense. I will try to listen to the voice that says "**Today** I will not harden my heart - to neighbours, to immigrants, to Brexiters, to Remainers or to any new challenge facing me, especially after holidays!" I have none planned, but I pray for our church, Messy Church, The Place and our whole fellowship returning with a new heart for an exciting **today**.

Happy holidays and many happy returns!

*Phyllis Harrison*



# Care Time



We pray for: Blanca who is becoming more settled in Broome End; Arthur who is soon to have a cataract operation; Desiree recovering after her hip operation; Roy's mother whose cancer has spread; Howard; Lorraine, Alexis and others who come to The Place and are unwell or going through difficult times; and those undergoing tests or awaiting operations.



## OPEN HOUSE at the Manse

*Christine and Roy warmly invite you to*

8 Birchalls, High Lane, Stansted CM24 8LQ

**Saturday 20th August**

**10 am - noon and 2 - 4 pm**

*Please come and join us*

## WEBS AUTUMN OUTING

**Saturday 17th September**

***Morning: Dedham Afternoon: Flatford Mill (National Trust)***

Coach will pick up from Stansted about 9.15 am returning 6 pm

Lunch at Marlborough Head Inn, High Street, Dedham

[www.marlborough-head.co.uk](http://www.marlborough-head.co.uk)

Cost £15 (not including lunch etc)

Places are still available - please contact Val

***All Welcome***

The next edition of ***Imagine*** will be available on Sunday 28th August. Please email articles by Friday 19th August to [news@stanstedfreechurch.org.uk](mailto:news@stanstedfreechurch.org.uk) or pass to one of the editors: Alan and Mike & Marion

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**[www.stanstedfreechurch.org.uk](http://www.stanstedfreechurch.org.uk)**

## WHAT'S ON IN AUGUST

### Worship at Stansted Free Church

- 7th 10.30 am Julie Finbow - New Directions  
14th 10.30 am Mike Render  
21st 10.30 am Christine Heyhoe  
28th 10.30 am Rev'd Roy Fowler - Communion

### Other Activities

- Sat 20th 10 am - noon and 2 - 4 pm Minister's Open House at 8 Birchalls  
Sun 21st 11.30 am Fairtrade goods on sale after the service

**The Place on the Hill** is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30 am - 12.30 pm throughout the school holidays (except Bank Holiday Monday)

### CHURCH ANNIVERSARY 4th September

It is ten years since Stansted Methodist Church and Stansted URC came together to form Stansted Free Church. Our special celebration service on 4th September is at 3 pm, followed by tea. The preacher will be Rev'd David Simpson.



### WEBS Bible Studies Autumn 2016 Sing New Psalms led by Rev'd Roy Fowler

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September - **Psalms of Praise**

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October - **Psalms of Confession**

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November - **Psalms of Trust**

2.30 - 4 pm at Stansted Free Church or 7.30 - 9 pm at Abbey Lane URC



### STANSTED FOOD BANK

Demand always increases during the school holidays as many families rely on free school meals. We need the following:

Small jars coffee

Cartons of long-life fruit juice

Savoury rice

Tinned potatoes, peas, carrots, sweetcorn, pudding rice, macaroni, semolina

Items can be left in the minister's vestry. Thank you.

*Catherine*

# **Stansted Free Church (Methodist / URC)**

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Part of the WEBS (West Essex & Bishop's Stortford) URC Pastorate  
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## **Sunday Service**

10.30 am Morning Worship.

1st Sunday of each month - New Directions (Informal)

## **The Place on the Hill Drop-In (Everyone Welcome)**

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30 am - 12.30 pm

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