

# Imagine!

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**I**magine a wood without trees, or the sky without sunshine, or the world without anyone to love or care. Imagine a world without worship, or God without his Son Jesus, or the Cross without a resurrection. These thoughts were the result of Bunty Newport inviting the children of Emmanuel Junior Church, Cambridge in 1966 to imagine a world without all the things they loved. The words were set to music and became the hymn *Think of a world without any flowers*.

Now imagine an orchestra or a choir without a conductor. Cacophony? Discord? Disharmony? Even **with** a conductor beating time, if we do not pay attention and listen diligently to the other parts we soon become out of step and the harmony is lost. A solo voice or flute or violin has a wonderful clarity, but there is something truly amazing about a large orchestra or choir working in perfect harmony, each blending their gifts and playing their part, great or small.

*God has given each of us unique gifts – teaching, serving, organising, encouraging, and the list goes on. Just as the diverse sounds of the piccolo, violin, drums and tuba each have a part in the orchestra, we each have a part in God's kingdom. We can serve God's kingdom individually; but when we combine our efforts with others' and allow God to direct us, the result is a symphony of beautiful works. [The Upper Room]*

Let us keep our eyes on the divine conductor, keep our ears attentive to one another, and imagine what beautiful music we might make together.

In Christian love,

Caroline



# Care Time



We pray for: Blanca Stevenson who is becoming more settled in Humphrey Lodge; Mary Warnett continuing to recover at home after major surgery; those who come to The Place and are going through difficult times; and Roy and Christine, that their holiday may bring a time of relaxation and refreshment, ready for Roy's return to us after his sabbatical.

We ask for God's blessing on Messy Church on 17th July; and we remember Rev'd Paul Wilkin and his family as he celebrates 25 years since his ordination at the special service in St John's Church on 10th July.



## STANSTED MESSY CHURCH

Sunday 17th July 3.30 - 5 pm  
St Mary's School, Foresthall Park



An **exciting** and **informal** style of church for families, with activities, celebration and food (based on a Christian theme), and an emphasis on **FUN!** Arranged by Churches Together in Stansted. A very big thank you to all those who have helped or provided food at our previous events. We are again looking for people to help with the activities on the day (please call Marion), and to provide sandwiches and cakes (please call Carol). For general information please call Marion & Mike .



The next **Traidcraft** stall will be after the service on Sunday 10th July. If you would like any Fairtrade goods at other times, just give me a call. Catalogues are still available in the foyer.

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The next edition of **Imagine** will be available on Sunday 31st July. Please email articles by Friday 22nd July to [news@stanstedfreechurch.org.uk](mailto:news@stanstedfreechurch.org.uk) or pass to one of the editors: Alan Wheeler and Mike & Marion Dyer

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

## WHAT'S ON IN JULY

### Worship at Stansted Free Church

3rd	10.30 am	Action for Children - New Directions
10th	10.30 am	Rev'd George Lambdon - Communion
17th	10.30 am	Denis Walker
24th	10.30 am	Rev'd Roy Fowler
31st	10.30 am	Mike Dyer

### Other Activities

Sun	3rd	3.00 pm	Rev'd Paul Wilkin's 25th Anniversary of Ordination Service at St John's Church (all are invited)
Wed	6th	7.30 pm	Churches Together Forum at St Theresa's Parish Centre
Sun	10th	11.30 am	Fairtrade goods on sale after service
Thu	14th	9.30 am	Church Oversight Group at 7 Blythwood Gardens
Sun	17th	3.30 pm	Messy Church at St Mary's School
Sat	30th	10.00 am	Church Meeting in the Hall

## WEBS AUTUMN OUTING

**Saturday 17th September**

### VISIT TO CONSTABLE COUNTRY

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

Coach leaves Swan Meadow, Saffron Walden 9 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)**

Please book by end of July

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**All Welcome**

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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 Wednesday and Friday 9.30 am - 12.30 pm  
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