

# Imagine!



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**I** imagine that you turn on your satnav in the car or Google Maps on your mobile phone. Immediately, a flag pops up on the screen and tells you exactly where you are. For a moment, it feels like you are at the centre of the world.

Imagine you discover a dusty old map in the back of a cupboard. It depicts a remote island complete with the coordinates of latitude and longitude to find it. A cross marks the spot where treasure is buried. For a moment, you think you can become very rich.

Imagine you are on a hill outside Jerusalem around two thousand years ago. You see another cross – a real cross made of wood. It is the cross on which Jesus dies.

Imagine you discover at the cross that the whole world doesn't revolve around you. Imagine you have discovered there the treasure beyond price that makes you rich in love for others. Imagine that God is transforming your whole being through the self-offering of Christ on the cross.

Imagine that, through the cross, you are moving from the darkness of Good Friday to the new life and joy of Easter.

Imagine that you have found God's place for you.

God bless you all this coming Easter season.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roz".

## WHAT'S ON IN APRIL

### Worship at Stansted Free Church

2nd	10.30 am	Mark Hayes
9th	10.30 am	Rev'd Stuart Veitch
14th	10.30 am	Rev'd Roy Fowler - Good Friday
16th	10.30 am	Rev'd Christine Fowler - Easter Communion
23rd	10.30 am	Rev'd Roy Fowler
30th	10.30 am	Rev'd Caroline Vodden

### Other Activities

Fri	14th	2.00 pm	Stainer's Crucifixion at Abbey Lane URC
		3.30 pm	Stansted Messy Church in St John's Hall
Thu	20th	9.30 am	Church Oversight Group at 7 Blythwood Gardens
Sun	30th	11.30 am	Fairtrade goods on sale after the service

### May

Tue	2nd	7.30 pm	WEBS Bible Study at Newport URC
Sat	6th	10.00 am	Church Meeting in the Hall

## EASTER SERVICES

### Maundy Thursday 13th April

Tenebrae Service (incl light supper) 7.30 pm Bishop's Stortford URC Hall. For catering purposes, call Sarah 755610 Email: [office@waterlaneurc.org.uk](mailto:office@waterlaneurc.org.uk)

Tenebrae Service 8.00 pm Bishop's Stortford Methodist Church

### Good Friday 14th April

Reflective Service 10.30 am led by Roy

Stainer's Crucifixion 2 pm Abbey Lane URC, Saffron Walden

Messy Church 3.30 pm St John's Church Hall

The Way of the Cross 6 pm St John's Church

### Easter Day 16th April

Communion service 10.30 am led by Rev'd Christine Fowler



## COME AND SING STAINER'S CRUCIFIXION

**2 - 3 pm Good Friday 14th April**

Abbey Lane URC, Saffron Walden

**All welcome - singers and listeners**

Bring your own music  
or see Marion Dyer if you would like to borrow a copy

**This is an act of worship for two solo voices and chorus  
interspersed with congregational hymns - it is not a concert**

**There are no rehearsals for the choir - just come and sing on the day**

Followed by light refreshments

*We warmly invite friends from WEBS to join us*

For more information contact Stephen

Email: [stephen@stanstedfreechurch.org.uk](mailto:stephen@stanstedfreechurch.org.uk)



### STANSTED MESSY CHURCH

Good Friday 14th April 3.30 - 5 pm  
St John's Hall (note different venue)



An **exciting** and **informal** style of church for families, with activities, celebration and food (all based on a Christian theme), and an emphasis on **FUN!** Arranged by Churches Together in Stansted. Contact Marion.

### A PASSIONTIDE SEQUENCE OF WORDS AND MUSIC

Good Friday 14th April 6 pm St John's Church

St John's Church Choir will be leading this quiet reflective service for choir and congregation. All welcome.

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

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

**Part of the WEBS (West Essex & Bishop's Stortford) URC Pastorate  
and the Bishop's Stortford Methodist Circuit**

## **Contacts**

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## **Sunday Service**

10.30 am Morning Worship

Some months we hold New Directions which is an informal service

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

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30 am - 12.30 pm

Tel Marion & Mike, Catherine & Alan or Fran

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