

Imagine!



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2017

Imagine all your memories have been filmed and you could replay them to your heart's content. You might be surprised at some of them that you had completely forgotten; yet how precious they are. They can greatly enrich our lives, and when we get together with family or friends, it is lovely to relive those memories with one another. Of course some memories are sad or hurtful, and these are the ones we would prefer to forget; but good and bad memories have contributed to who we are, and there is no escaping their impact on us, so understanding our memories can go some way to understanding us.

In the 'old days' people shared their memories extensively. Imagine what else there is to do when you have only lamps and candles, and you are sitting around the family fireplace. Today we hardly have any fireplaces, let alone time on our hands to share our memories. That is sad and we are the poorer for that.

What is true for ourselves and our families is also true for our communities. With people moving so much more frequently these days, there is a real danger that community memories will be entirely lost. That applies to churches too; very few people now are baptised, married and buried in one church. But church memories are important; to know the foundation story and traditions of one's church helps us to understand who we are.

So in this month of remembrance, when we stop for a little while to remember with thanks those who died in military campaigns of the past, and sacrificed their lives that we might live lives of greater abundance and freedom, we should be reminded to uncover our personal memories and reflect on them with God in our hearts.

Stuart Veitch



Care Time



We pray for the events that are happening during November, including Messy Church and the WEBS Bible Study. We remember those who are unwell, awaiting surgery, recovering from accidents or operations, or undergoing treatment: Mike and Marion, Iris, Melvin, Desiree, Brenda, Valerie, Julie, and Trish. We also think of Marion Pretty as she adjusts to life without Ted; the Syrian family; and those who come to The Place on the Hill and Messy Church.



SHOEBOX PACKING



We are packing the shoeboxes at
The Place on the Hill 10 am - noon on
Monday 30th October
Wednesday 1st November and
Friday 3rd November
and also in
St Theresa's Parish Centre, High Lane
Wed 8th November 6 - 8 pm
Come and join in the fun - everyone welcome



Martin Luther? *Time to have your say!*

Discuss Martin Luther and The Reformation, interspersed with film clips
Tell us what you think. Hear what others think.

Discussion Group

7.30 - 9 pm Wednesday 15th Nov Abbey Lane Vestry
For more information contact 01799 732471

WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER

Worship at Stansted Free Church

5th	10.30 am	The Worship Team - New Directions
12th	10.50 am	Remembrance Day Service at the War Memorial <i>Note no service at our church on that day</i>
19th	10.30 am	Maureen Kendall
26th	10.30 am	Rev'd Roy Fowler - Communion

Other Activities

October

Mon 30th 10.00 am Shoe Box Packing at *The Place*

November

Wed	1st	10.00 am	Shoe Box Packing at <i>The Place</i>
Fri	3rd	10.00 am	Shoe Box Packing at <i>The Place</i>
Sun	5th	11.30 am	Fairtrade goods on sale after the service
Wed	8th	2.30 pm	WEBS Bible Study in the Foyer
		6.00 pm	Shoe Box Packing at St Theresa's
Mon	13th	8.00 pm	Shalom 7 Blythwood Gardens
Sun	26th	3.30 pm	Messy Church at St Mary's School
Mon	27th	8.00 pm	Shalom <i>At Home</i> 49 Recreation Ground
Thu	30th	7.15 pm	CTS Christmas Choir Rehearsal St John's Church



WEBS Bible Studies Autumn 2017

Praying with Scripture led by Rev'd Roy Fowler

Wed 8th Nov in the Foyer 2.30 pm coffee 2.45 - 4 pm Bible Study



Celebration of Christmas

3 pm Saturday 16th December St John's Church

Choir Rehearsals in St John's Church

7.15 - 8.15 pm

Thurs 30th Nov, 7th & 14th Dec

All are welcome to join the choir - come and have some fun!

Stansted Free Church (Methodist / URC)

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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
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