

Imagine!

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Imagine you were enjoying a clear and sunny day, you looked up and could see a variety of vapour trails crisscrossing the sky, left behind by jet planes. Those planes are not ours, they did not take off from Stansted, they are far too high; we don't know their origin or destination, but we know where they are right now because they are leaving their mark. The crew and passengers cannot see their own vapour trail; it's too far behind them. At the start, the trails are precise, but in due course they are blown about by the wind, and evaporate in the cold air. Nevertheless, for a while they have left their mark, a mark their passengers cannot see.

Life is like that, isn't it? Our pilgrimage through life leaves a mark, a mark we cannot see, a distinct mark to start with but one that will eventually evaporate over time. That mark denotes the influence and impact we are making every day on those around us. Other people will be better able to see it than we can, yet in a way it is our gift to the world, even though we can see little of it. So often it is at funerals that the mark a person has made is most clear. On such occasions a person's life can be extolled with a sense of gratitude. Sad in a way, for that's too late isn't it?

Perhaps that is a lesson for us; to show our appreciation of people's impact on our lives while we still can. Let's affirm people around us; they are after all, a gift of God to us, just as we are a gift to them. So affirm one another and affirm yourself as well.

Lent would be a good time to start, and it starts soon - on 6th March.

Stuart Veitch



Care Time



We remember Brenda, recovering well from surgery; Judy on the loss of her brother; Arthur still visiting family in Australia; those who come to *The Place on the Hill* and are going through difficult times; and any others known to us.



Pancakes and Prayer



**Shrove Tuesday 5th March
Stansted Free Church**

Please come and join people from the other WEBS churches for a pre-Lent feast of pancakes

Pancakes and coffee will be served from 7pm followed by a short time of prayer and reflection at 8 pm

Welcome to

The



OPEN THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

9.30 am - 12.30 pm

Free Church, Chapel Hill

Everyone Welcome ~ No Charge

www.stanstedfreechurch.org.uk/theplace



STANSTED MESSY CHURCH

INK CARTRIDGE RECYCLING



Please bring your used ink cartridges and place in the boxes in the foyer and the hall. All makes except Epson can be recycled, but they must be originals, not re-manufactured. We receive £1 for every cartridge which will go towards the costs of Messy Church. Please note that we can no longer recycle mobile phones.

Marion

WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY

Worship at Stansted Free Church

3rd	10.30 am	Janet Bottoms
10th	10.30 am	Mike Dyer
17th	10.30 am	Rev'd Stuart Veitch
24th	10.30 am	Rev'd Roy Fowler - Communion

Other Activities

Mon	11th	8.00 pm	Shalom 7 Blythwood Gardens
Sun	17th	3.00 pm	<i>The Story</i> at Newport URC (<i>see below</i>)
Wed	20th	8.00 pm	Circuit Finance Meeting in the Hall
Mon	25th	8.00 pm	Shalom At Home 49 Recreation Ground

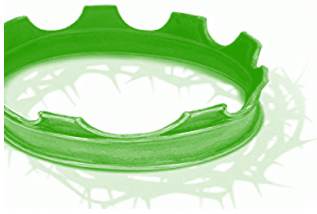
March

Sat	2nd	10.00 am	Church Meeting in the Hall
Tue	5th	7.00 pm	Pancakes and Prayer in the Church (<i>see opposite</i>)

JOIN US AS WE EXPLORE

THE STORY

THE BIBLE AS ONE CONTINUING STORY OF GOD AND HIS PEOPLE



**Sundays 17th February and
17th March at 3 pm**

It's not just any story. God goes to great lengths to rescue lost and hurting people.

That's what ***The Story*** is all about: God's great love affair with humanity.

The Story sweeps you into the unfolding progression of Bible characters and events from Genesis to Revelation. The stories, poems and teachings of the Bible read like a novel; and like any good novel ***The Story*** is filled with intrigue, drama, conflict, romance, and redemption ... and this story is true!

Join us for tea, cake and a good story

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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)

Monday, Wednesday and Friday (not Bank Holidays)

9.30 am - 12.30 pm

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