

# Imagine!

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**I** magine you are high up a mountain. You are breathing the clearest air. What a difference from the dirty air we breathe in many a town or city street! Unlike the smog that beset many of our cities some years ago, we can't even see that the air we breathe is polluted. Reducing toxic emissions is one of the many environmental challenges we face today. Yet breathing is something we do all the time; one of the signs we are still alive!

The words used in both the Old and New Testaments for God's spirit have the literal meaning *breath*. God's spirit, like good air, is vital for our wellbeing and we cannot live without it. In the creation story, God breathes into the mythological first person his breath. In the book of Ezekiel, God breathes his spirit into dry bones and they come alive again. According to John's Gospel, the risen Christ breathes the Holy Spirit into his disciples and they share in the new life of Easter.

This month we celebrate Pentecost, God's gift of the Holy Spirit - the breath of new life. It is a time for receiving renewal. We face many challenges about the future of our life together in God's world: pollution, inequality, conflict and so forth. We cannot really hope to meet those challenges unless we accept the Spirit of inner renewal that God's spirit gives us.

'... for none can guess its grace,  
Till they become the place  
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.' (Bianco Da Siena)

Imagine you are breathing in that transforming Spirit;  
he is life and health.

Grace and peace to you all.

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## Care Time



We remember all those who are unwell, going through stressful times, or in pain, especially Valerie; our Syrian families during this time of Ramadan; Marilyn, mourning the loss of her brother; Arthur still trying to sell his flat; and those who come to *The Place on the Hill*.

Congratulations to Sue Bush and Mary Philips who both celebrated their 80th birthday recently.



SHALOM

Our next meeting is on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June** 8.00pm at 7 Blythwood Gardens, when Stuart Veitch will be leading a bible study on Matthew chapter 13 *The Parable of the Sower*. All are very welcome.

Marion



## Follow Me!

Come and join friends from across the WEBS pastorate and explore together what it means to

### Follow Christ

**Thursdays 7.30 pm to 9 pm**

Newport United Reformed Church

20<sup>th</sup> June

What we already know about following Christ

18<sup>th</sup> July

Help to follow Christ

The next edition of *Imagine* will be available on 30th June. Please submit articles by Friday 21st June to: [news@stanstedfreechurch.org.uk](mailto:news@stanstedfreechurch.org.uk). Alternatively, please pass to one of the editors, or send to: 23A Bentfield Road, Stansted CM24 8HP.

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

## WHAT'S ON IN JUNE

### Worship at Stansted Free Church

2nd	10.30 am	Street Pastors - New Directions
9th	10.30 am	Jerry Heyhoe
16th	10.30 am	Rev'd Caroline Vodden
23rd	10.30 am	Rev'd Roy Fowler - Communion
30th	10.30 am	Denis Walker

### Other Activities

Wed	5th	8.00 pm	LPWT Meeting in the Hall
Sun	9th	11.30 am	Fairtrade Goods on sale after the service
Mon	10th	8.00 pm	Shalom at 7 Blythwood Gardens
Wed	12th	7.30 pm	Churches Together in Stansted Forum in the Hall
Thu	20th	7.30 pm	WEBS Bible Study at Newport URC
Sat	29th	1.00 pm	Stansted Bouncy Picnic on the Recreation Ground

## BOUNCY PICNIC on THE REC.

**SAT 29th JUNE 1-4pm**

FREE inflatables



Bring Your Own Picnic  
Soft drinks and Hotdogs available

Invite Friends, Neighbours, Family  
**Everyone Welcome!**



*\*Please note there is no parking at the Rec—plan to arrive on foot or park at Crafton Green Carpark\**

**Stansted  
Family  
Cafe**

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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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