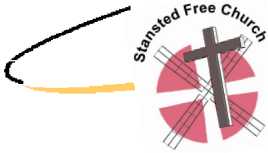


Imagine!



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I imagine over 2000 women from more than 80 countries meeting together in Johannesburg to share their experiences of being Christians where they live. I am hoping to join them next summer when the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women (WFMUCW) meet for their 12th World Assembly. I have wonderful memories of the 10th Assembly in Loughborough which I attended in 2001. The vibrancy of the women in their colourful, flamboyant dress, their constant praising God, and frequently bursting into song and dance was unforgettable; and their enthusiasm was infectious. There were daily prayers, bible study, group discussions and many opportunities to share experiences and understand each other's situations.

The 12th World Assembly is entitled 'Bambelela!' (Never Give Up - Christ is our Hope). We shall be sharing our experiences of tackling the Millenium Development Goals (MDGs). You may remember that at one of the Easter Offering Services at our Church we focussed on the 8 MDGs set by the United Nations. The Women's Network of the Methodist Church has always been a member of WFMUCW and had close links. Following recent restructuring within Methodism, the two organisations are joining to become Methodist Women in Britain (MWiB). The aim of MWiB is to know Christ and make him known, encouraging, enabling and equipping women to participate fully in the life of the Church and in society, supporting the Church to become truly the whole people of God. MWiB encourages women to develop creative Christian spirituality and practical social action in a global context. Locally we have a District Day in Chelmsford on 25th September when Esther Hume will be inducted as Network District President 2010-11; and further afield at Newark on 9th October 'Oppression to Empowerment' - a day exploring MDG 3. If you would like to go to either of these, please contact me.

Brenda Veitch



Care Time



Please remember in your prayers: David and Fran Keeble, as they begin their ministry with us; Allen and Daphne Morton's daughter Elaine, recovering from chemotherapy; the Trundle Family; all those who have suffered bereavements, including Isobel Linegar ; Phyllis Little, still in hospital; Gladys Dix, in hospital following a stroke; Mary Heuch, now back at Broome End; Ivor Thomas, Chris Coetzee, Jane Sell, and all those who are not able to attend church.

Please feel free to take the church flowers after the service on Sunday to anyone who is in need. Kitchen roll and plastic bags are available by the microwave in the kitchen.

Betty

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Pilots

Autumn Term 6 - 7.30 pm on Mondays:

Sept 6th & 20th, Oct 4th & 18th, Nov 1st, 15th & 29th, Dec 6th & 20th.

Henry Playle will be working with the older members and Lyndsey Barnes plus other Pilot Officers on a rota system, will be looking after the junior members. Henry is the Youth Co-ordinator for the Eastern Province of the URC, and is no stranger to our Pilot Company as he has been working with us in a supportive capacity for a number of years. As Valerie has to undergo two shoulder operations, she and Peter will be unable to organise or lead the Pilot Sessions this term, but will be attending meetings whenever possible. At Henry's suggestion, he is stepping in to keep the group together at this time. We have a willing and capable team of officers and helpers who will be supporting Henry during the coming months.

The next edition of **Imagine** will be available on Sunday 26th September. Please submit articles by Friday 17th September to: news@stanstedfreechurch.org.uk or pass to one of the editors, or send to: 23A Bentfield Road, Stansted CM24 8HP. Thank you.

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Copies of this and previous editions of Imagine can be found on our website www.stanstedfreechurch.org.uk

What's on in September

Worship at Stansted Free Church

5th 10.30 am Julie Finbow

12th 10.30 am John Banks

19th 10.30 am Rev Allen Morton - Harvest & Holy Communion

Breakfast goods for Whitechapel Mission will be received

26th 10.30 am Penny Flynn

Morning worship is followed by coffee. All are welcome.

Other Activities

Mon 6th 6.00 pm Pilots in the Hall

Wed 8th 8.00 pm Local Preachers' & Worship Leaders'
Meeting in the Hall

Sun 19th 11.30 am Fairtrade Goods on sale after the service

Mon 20th 6.00 pm Pilots in the Hall

8.00 pm Shalom At Home - 13 Blackbushe, B S

Thu 30th 8.00 pm Circuit Meeting in the Hall

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Circuit Café Worship

7 pm Sunday 5th September **Chrishall Methodist Church**

Contemporary Worship Day for anyone interested in worship

10 am - 5 pm Saturday 2nd October at **Stansted Free Church**

Chrishall Harvest Festival

It is with sadness we announce that **Chrishall Methodist Church** will be ceasing regular worship from October. Their last regular service will be the Harvest Festival at 3 pm on Sunday 3rd October followed by refreshments. All are welcome but they would like to know numbers. Please let Catherine Dean know if you would like to attend.

Stansted Church Meetings

10.30 am - Saturday 9th October AGM (Note change of date)

10.30 am - Saturday 15th January

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Sunday Service

10.30 am Morning Worship

Children's Work

Alternate Mondays 6 pm Pilots for children aged 5 - 18 years.
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