



I magine the offer of 'Renewable Energy' which has just dropped through my letterbox really meant what I would like it to mean! But imagine too, that we really believe God supplies all the energy of the universe; that he is the God of Space.

*"If I go up into heaven, Thou art there;
if I make my bed in hell, behold, Thou also art there".*

I saw an astronaut returning in the last of our spacecraft to visit the space station (leaving it now to the Russians) describing in measured tones (no pretentious type!) his sheer delight in the whole business of 'discovery', how he and his international crew shared their ecstasy of seeing our beautiful planet as they sailed past it. His description of each member's role in the project was a pleasure to hear; not "We done it" - rather "It was wonderful."

I saw two more young scientists sitting on a step having coffee at the entrance to the Giant Hadron Collider at Cern, Geneva - not a 'bed in hell' but certainly the bowels of the earth being raided deep under the alps; another international team chasing and finding the elusive Higgs Particle. Yes, now found, but the 'famous stone that turneth all to gold' still not found. Perhaps these two, utterly absorbed in working for a further discovery they may never reach themselves, will also challenge us to look forward with Renewed Energy to what God has prepared for his creation.

*"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength;
They shall rise up on wings like eagles;
They shall run and not be weary;
They shall walk and not faint."*

Phyllis Harrison

The Place on the Hill

Following 'The Way Forward' Church Meeting and subsequent discussion at the Church Oversight Group, a working party, consisting of Alan W, Catherine, Fran, Marion D, Mike, Valerie and Betty was formed to investigate the idea of a drop-in facility at the Church.

Our suggested name for this venture is 'The Place on the Hill'. An artist's impression and details of what we have in mind will be displayed in the entrance foyer on Sunday 26th August and at the anniversary service on Sunday 2nd September. There will be a short Church Meeting following the service on 2nd September when we will put the following proposal:

That the Church Meeting give approval for the refurbishment of the foyer to provide a welcoming environment with suitable facilities for a weekly drop-in, providing refreshments, information and children's play area as shown in the presentation, and authorise the necessary expenditure.

There have been several ideas which have come from the Mission Shaped Intro course and The Way Forward meeting, and this is the first one we are following through. We invite you to look at the proposals and come to the meeting on 2nd September when you will be able to learn more about this exciting project.

The next edition of **Imagine** will be available on Sunday 30th September. Please submit articles by Friday 21st September to: news@stanstedfreechurch.org.uk. Alternatively, please pass to one of the editors, or send to:

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What's on in September

Worship at Stansted Free Church

2nd	3.30 pm	Rev'd David Keeble - Church Anniversary
9th	10.30 am	Rev'd David Keeble - Communion
16th	10.30 am	Ruth Parker
23rd	10.30 am	Mike Render
30th	10.30 am	Jerry Heyhoe

Morning worship is followed by coffee. All are welcome.

Other Activities

Sun 2nd	3.30 pm	Fairtrade goods on sale after service
Thu 13th	8.00 pm	Local Preachers' and Worship Leaders' meeting in the Hall
Mon 24th	8.00 pm	Shalom at Home - 7 Blythwood Gardens
Sun 30th	11.30 am	Fairtrade goods on sale after service

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Sun 7th	6.00 pm	Churches Together Harvest Supper in St John's Hall
Mon 8th	9.30 am	Church Oversight group - 7 Blythwood Gdns
Sat 20th	10.00 am	Annual Church meeting in the Hall

Church Anniversary and Special Church Meeting

3.30 pm Sunday 2nd September

Our anniversary service will be led by our minister Rev'd David Keeble, when we will be celebrating seven years of being a LEP. Immediately following the service there will be a short church meeting (see opposite page) before we enjoy a bring and share tea in the hall. All are welcome but only church members may vote at the meeting.

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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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