

magine a 23rd Psalm for today!

My church is the Lord's shepherd, so I will never want for anything (really anything!).

You give me a warm place to come and feel at home.

You offer me a lake of quiet, away from the torrents (torrents not torments!!) and whirlpools of life.

You remind me that I have a soul.

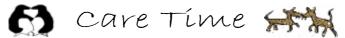
Your great delight is to teach me more about my Lord God and His son Jesus and what they would have me do.

Even though I walk through the shadow of death (dark moments at A&E trying to comfort a dying loved one who cannot bear more speech!) peering into the shadow of death by wars, floods, starvation....moving towards death, I will still try to fear neither neglect nor 'over-caring' nor what is to come. You are standing by me; you will prod some of your 'staff' to comfort me!

You prepare all sorts of pleasant things for me; that table laid regularly for Communion; the Christmas, Harvest and Anniversary celebrations where even non-believers come and enjoy the place and company you offer. You pray with me when I'm ill and remember me with gifts and cards for shared occasions - not the World Cup but a full beaker!

Surely all your goodness and mercy will continue to shine for all around you - and I will continue to enjoy it in the 'house of many mansions'.

Phyllis Harrison



Please remember in your prayers: Allen and Daphne Morton's daughter Elaine, undergoing chemotherapy; The Trundle Family; all those who have suffered bereavements, including Judy's sister, and Alison (our cleaner) & Gary; Phyllis Little, the King family, Ivor Thomas, Mary Heuch, Chris Coetzee, Jane Sell, and all those who are not able to attend church.

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Points of Light Synod Retreat 10 am - 4 pm Saturday 17th July Clare Priory, Suffolk

There are a few places left for the second Synod retreat to be led by Mary Irish and Allen Morton with inputs from the Clare Priory Community. The theme is: **When presence seems more like absence (Psalm 102).** Cost is £13.50 per person including a simple but satisfying lunch.

If you haven't experienced the pleasure of a retreat before, do consider whether this is for you. Clare Priory is a house of prayer with a warm welcome and space to enjoy the historic building and gardens. The day will provide a chance to reflect, relax and find God. Contact Synod Office on 01223 830770 for details.

The next edition of **Imagine** will be available on Sunday 25th July . Please submit articles by Friday 16th July to:

news@stanstedfreechurch.org.uk. Alternatively, please pass to one of the editors, or send to:

23A Bentfield Road, Stansted CM24 8HP. Thank you.

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What's on in July

Worship at Stansted Free Church

4th10.30 amAndrew Brown and The Worship team11th10.30 amRev Stuart Veitch - Holy Communion18th10.30 amRev Allen Morton7.00 pmCafé Worship - Rev Stuart Veitch25th10.30 amSarah Devereux

Morning worship is followed by coffee. All are welcome.

Other Activities

Sat 10th	10.00 am	Pilots Art Exhibition & Coffee Morning in the Hall
Sun 11th 11.30 am		Fairtrade Goods on sale after the service
		Pilots in the Hall Shalom Party at 7 Blythwood Gardens
Tue 20th	8.00 pm	Churches Together Forum in the Hall

PILOTS ART EXHIBITION & COFFEE MORNING In aid of Mission Aviation Fellowship

Paintings by Arthur Law

10 am - 1 pm Saturday 10th July in the Hall

Come & see the Artist at Work ~ All welcome

Café Worship returns to Stansted Free Church 7 pm Sunday 18th July led by Rev Stuart Veitch assisted by worship leaders from Stansted Free Church and Bishop's Stortford Methodist Church

A Café style Circuit Service with coffee during the service Open to all - please join us!

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Sunday Service

10.30 am Morning Worship

New Directions - our bi-monthly service in a less formal style

Children's Work

Alternate Mondays 6 pm Pilots for children aged 5 - 18 years. Valerie Trundle Email: pilots@stanstedfreechurch.org.uk