



**I** magine you are a castaway on a desert island, and in true Radio 4 style you can have a book of your choice; but rather than eight records you may take five material things with you. What book might that be - the Bible or some other book? What material things would you want to have with you? Imagine life without all the comforts we take so much for granted; that leads on to the question "What are the essentials of life?" I guess if we looked to our brothers and sisters in some third world countries we might get a better idea of what life is like without what we call the essentials. Perhaps if we spent some time living in a refugee camp just outside Syria we might begin to get a sense of living without the everyday things of life.

Imagine how you would have felt if you had been the rich young man who asked Jesus what he had to do to inherit eternal life; he had obeyed all the Commandments since he was a boy. When you read the story in the gospels you get a sense of someone who had followed all the religious rules and was probably a pillar of Jewish society.

*Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come and follow me." At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. Mark 10:21-22.*

Imagine what it would be like to give everything away that you owned, in order to follow Jesus. What might we secretly want to hold on to; what would we see as indispensable to our lives? Whatever road we choose to go down, we should always remember the answer Jesus gave to the disciples when they asked who could be saved:

*"With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God." Mark 10:27b*

Every blessing. *David*



# Care Time



Please pray for Alan & Janet Wheeler following the death of Janet's mother Doris; and for Mike & Marion Dyer following the death of Mike's father, John, who was our oldest member. Since moving to Stansted in 2010, John attended church when he was able, and he enjoyed talking to members of the congregation. Both families would like to extend their thanks for the warm wishes and prayers from the church.

If you have any prayer requests, please use the prayer slips which are available in the foyer.



**Wednesdays 9.30 am - 12.30 pm**

**Free Church, Chapel Hill**

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The Place on the Hill



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The Place continues to be very popular, with new visitors arriving every week. From September we are planning to also open on Friday mornings, and we need more helpers to join the rota, either on Wednesdays or Fridays.

If you could spare a few hours once or twice a month to help make coffee or chat to our visitors, please let me know as soon as possible.

Marion Dyer

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The next edition of **Imagine** will be available on Sunday 28th July. Please submit articles by Friday 19th July to: [news@stanstedfreechurch.org.uk](mailto:news@stanstedfreechurch.org.uk). Alternatively, please pass to one of the editors, or send to:

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# What's on in July

## Worship at Stansted Free Church

7th 10.30 am The Worship team - New Directions Our Story  
14th 10.30 am Rev'd Stuart Veitch - Communion  
21st 10.30 am Mike Render  
28th 10.30 am Rev'd David Keeble

**Morning worship is followed by coffee. All are welcome.**

## Other Activities

Mon 8th 6.00 pm Pilots in the Hall  
8.00 pm Shalom Party - 7 Blythwood Gdns  
Sun 28th 11.30 am Fairtrade goods on sale after service

## Church Deacon Vacancy

We have six deacons who represent the church members, and are elected for an initial term of six years. At the Annual Church Meeting, one of the deacons steps down, and although he or she could be re-elected for a further six years, this is an opportunity to draw someone new into this very important role in our church life. The Church Oversight Group (or COG as it is affectionately known) comprises the six deacons, the joint treasurers, the secretary (who may or may not also be a deacon) and the ministers. We meet every two months to discuss any issues concerning the running of the church, finance, pastoral concerns, etc, and if appropriate, bring proposals to the Church Meeting.

This year Mike will be stepping down and we would ask all church members to prayerfully consider whether they should take on this role. If you would like to know more about what is involved, please speak to one of the present deacons: Valerie, Catherine, Mike, Betty, Judy, and Marion (Pretty). Anyone wishing to be considered must be nominated by another church member. Please hand any nominations to Betty by the end of July.

# Stansted Free Church

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### Sunday Service

10.30 am Morning Worship. 1st Sunday - New Directions (Informal)

#### Pilots Children's Work

**Monday (monthly)** 6 pm Pilots for children aged 5 - 18 years.

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