

Imagine!



Imagine
always having
to ask
permission

Imagine your feelings the day your crops have ripened and are ready to harvest. You are on your way to reap the corn, but first you have to seek permission from the soldier between you and your field. Maybe he'll let you have access today, maybe he won't. Imagine you are in your final year at university. You need to get to the campus to take your exam. Will you get permission to gain access? Maybe today, maybe not; everything lies in the hands of the soldier who can let you through or not.

This could be you if you are unfortunate enough to live in the West Bank. An 810 kilometre wall is in the final stages of construction and has carved out 46% of your people's territory. "Look how it doesn't even follow the Green Line from the 1949 armistice but garners big chunks of territory for Israel. When I used to visit Mum it was a journey of ten minutes. Can you imagine - it now takes two hours!"

Even though the International Court of Justice in the Hague declared it illegal, that seems to count for nothing. November 9th marks the day the Berlin Wall fell in 1989. Many people are going to mark that day to show solidarity with the Palestinian people. Activists the world over will be involved in anti-wall events. Spare a prayer for the people who suffer as a result of this barbarism. If you see a petition, remember to sign it. Imagine if these two peoples were able to live in peace and harmony, helping each other to achieve true Shalom/Salaam by respecting each other and building a common wealth in that fraught land that they share!

Alan Wheeler



Care Time



Please remember in your prayers: Valerie Trundle as she awaits her shoulder operation; the family of Phyllis Little; Gladys Dix, in hospital following a stroke; Dorothy Dornan recovering from heart surgery; Ivor, Mary and Chris, and others not able to attend church. Betty

Chrishall Methodist Church

£373 was raised at the Harvest Service on 3rd October, which has been sent to Plan International to assist in their work with disadvantaged children. The stewards at Chrishall would like to thank everyone for their generosity and also for all the support given to them at their final regular service of worship. David Keeble

Pilots

Autumn Term 6 - 7.30 pm on Mondays:

Nov 1st, 15th & 29th, Dec 6th & 13th.

The 21st October saw myself and Steven Ball approved as Synod FURY representatives at the Synod meeting in Ipswich. It was a very enjoyable day in which I met new people who I will be working with in the near future. I also spent some time doing an exercise with people from other churches. We talked about what our church did well, and could do better, with different topics to think about. I learnt a lot from this about what our church could do in the future, and what we were doing well! I thoroughly enjoy Synod meetings and once again I learnt a lot, met some amazing people, and had the chance for my opinion to be heard. This new post will give me the chance to make a difference to the lives of young children in our Synod. I will be aiming to get them involved in FURY events, where they can express their opinions, meet new friends and be a part of church on a bigger scale! If you know of any young people that might be interested, please email me on lyndsey@stanstedfreechurch.org.uk.

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The next edition of **Imagine** will be available on Sunday 28th November. Please submit articles by Friday 19th November 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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What's on in November

Worship at Stansted Free Church

7th	10.30 am	Rev Stuart Veitch - New Directions
14th	10.50 am	Village Remembrance Service at St John's No service at Stansted Free Church
21st	10.30 am	Rev Allen Morton - Holy Communion
28th	10.30 am	Rev Martin Cressey

Other Activities

Mon 1st	6.00 pm	Pilots in the Hall
Thu 4th	7.00 pm	Shoe Box Packing in the Hall
Mon 8th	8.00 pm	Shalom at 7 Blythwood Gardens Oberammergau Evening
Mon 15th	10.00 am	Church Oversight Group at 7 Blythwood Gardens
	6.00 pm	Pilots in the Hall
Sun 21st	11.30 am	Fairtrade Goods on sale after the service
Mon 22nd	8.00 pm	Shalom At Home - 49 Recreation Ground
Mon 29th	6.00 pm	Pilots in the Hall

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Resourcing Mission

8 pm Wed 3rd November at B Stortford Methodist Church

A meeting to discuss various opportunities being planned by the circuit to **learn and grow in understanding mission and discipleship in our changing world**. Those attending the meeting will be able to help decide where and when to run the various courses (ranging from two sessions to 52 sessions!) being offered. All are welcome. See Catherine Dean for more details.

Safeguarding Training

1-4 pm or 6.30-9.30 pm Thur 11th November at B S Meth Church

A number of people in our church need to be trained - see Fran Richards for details.

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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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