

## Notices for September/October 2021

# Stockwood Free Church

### **SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10.45am ON SFC PREMISES AND ON FCC**

<https://www.freeconferencecall.com/wall/sfcbristol/viewer>

Following on from our recent series – “**What is Church?**” – over the next two months we will think about the related topic – “**What is Church for?**”. To put it another way, during September we focused on “**being**” and during October and November we will think about “**doing**”. A variety of different speakers will look at a wide range of Bible passages which will help us to take some time to consider what Stockwood Free Church is all about!

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ted Morse	Worship (includes Communion)
10 <sup>th</sup>	Adventurers/Youth	Harvest – see below for more details
17 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Slee	Transformation
24 <sup>th</sup>	Lance Mason	Stewardship
31 <sup>st</sup>	Ed Lawrance	Preaching

### **HARVEST – 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER:**

#### **BMS Theme “I Will Stand”**

This is an invitation to stand with Christians around the world who experience rejection, hatred and persecution because of their faith.

Envelopes for the BMS “I Will Stand” appeal will be given out in church next week and collected during the Harvest service (ask Hilary how to give if you are not able to be at the service)

Non-perishable produce will be given to the local Food Bank. A list of items will be available by next week. No perishables please unless on the list. Please bring a contribution to the Harvest service to be presented by both adults and children during the service.

The service will be followed by a **Fellowship Lunch of Soup & Bread** – please do join us if you can.

### **NEWER & ONE-OFF ITEMS:**

#### **THANK YOU**

Lance and Carol would like to say a huge thank you to everyone in the Church – you have all been so kind and generous and supportive. Your constant encouragement in this challenging time has carried them day in and day out. A repeated word for them has been to “be patient”...which they are trying to do!

#### **PETE KELLY’S FUNERAL – THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

We will begin with a celebration of Pete’s life at 12 noon at the Free Church - feel free not to wear black! - and then for those who want to join us there will be a burial service at St John the Baptist Cemetery, Midsomer Norton at 2pm. Everyone is invited back to the Free Church for refreshments at about 3.15pm.

#### **KINTSUGI HOPE DAY – SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER AT WOODLANDS CHURCH**

You may be interested in how Stockwood Free Church can become a mental health friendly church. In which case this event might interest you. If you would like a one-minute introduction from Patrick Reagan who heads up Kintsugi Hope, then check this out: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tsABDkDbijc>



# Mental Health Friendly Church

9th October | Bristol | Woodlands Church

10AM - 4.30PM | £38  
(BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH OR PURCHASE FROM LOCAL VENUES)





Patrick Regan OBE  
CEO OF Kintsugi Hope

Rachael Newham  
Mental Health Friendly Church  
Project Manager

Lynette Brooks  
Kintsugi Hope Relationship  
Manager

**WHY IS MENTAL HEALTH SO IMPORTANT?**  
**HOW HAS THE PANDEMIC CHANGED US?**  
**WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR US AND OUR CHURCHES?**

Join Patrick, Rachael, Lynette, and a panel of experts as we present the outcomes of our research into attitudes towards mental health and provide vital insights into how we can:

- Improve understanding of mental health
- Explore a robust and practical theology
- Enable our churches and wider communities to provide and find safe, supportive and welcoming spaces

**BOOK ON EVENTBRITE**  
**KINTSUGIHOPE.COM/MHFC**

## FELLOWSHIP NEWS

**Alan Cowley** - Alan is now able to move around a little with the aid of some crutches and a frame but he is still very bruised

**Pauline Kelly** - Please pray for Pauline and her family as they prepare for Pete's funeral later on next week

**Frank Kohler** - Frank is now in Southmead Hospital. His legs are still very bad. As I write, it is still very unclear what the next moves of his medical team might be. Please pray for Frank and for Mandy as this is a very difficult time for them

**Rebecca Mason** - Rebecca remains critically ill in Intensive Care. She is still on a ventilator and a dialysis machine and seems to have contracted another infection (due to her leukemia treatment). However, the medical team have got on top of her sepsis and are attempting to reduce her sedation and take her off the ventilator, but this is proving to be much more difficult than it sounds. [She has never been a great one for waking up!]

**Maurice Pugsley** - The medics are still not quite sure exactly what is wrong with Maurice; tests continue. Please pray for Maurice and Doreen

**Sue Rowe** - Sue's back operation - and it was a very big one - appears to have been a success and she is now back home and is being cared for by her daughter Carolyn. It will take her some time to recover and to be out of pain from the stitches

## TODDLERS

Yvonne and Hilary have re-launched Toddlers on Wednesday mornings. It is going very well, so well that the group would like to start another session on Friday mornings! However, Yvonne and Hilary really need some more help before this can go ahead. PLEASE contact them if you could spare some time!

## VACCINATION CLINICS

The organiser has told me that they are desperate for local volunteers for the autumn programme. Carol and I are dipping out for the time being for obvious reasons. If you think that you might be able to help, please just drop me a line and I'll put you in touch [Lance]

## PANTO

Is there anyone who might consider taking on the production of a Stockwood Free Church pantomime? We have some suitable scripts and loads of people would be able to help, but we could really do with someone to take the lead! If that is you, Lance will enthusiastically bite off your hand. [Not literally!]

## LANCE'S LABOURS

Clearly things have taken a bit of a bad turn for the family over the past few weeks, but Lance still intends to pick up on a number of community initiatives now that we are starting to move into the "post-pandemic" season. In particular, he still wants to re-visit some of the work we do in local schools.

## WHERE IS LANCE?

Again, it won't be any surprise that Lance and Carol are very much based at home for the time being. Please feel free to contact Lance on his mobile phone - 0730 6541959 – or by e-mail on [lance.c.mason@gmail.com](mailto:lance.c.mason@gmail.com). Note that he is very, very bad at logging into Facebook Messenger on a regular basis!

## ENABLER FOR MISSION – AN ADVERT!

### Enabler of Mission and Unity

Are you inspired by the vision of Christians working together for the transformation of Bristol?  
Are you an effective networker, enabler and administrator?

If so, this post may be for you.

**£8,000 – £10,000 per annum – Based on experience**

**Based in the Bristol region – 10 hours a week**

For full details see: [https://www.together4bristol.org.uk/Articles/619235/Enabler\\_of\\_Mission.aspx](https://www.together4bristol.org.uk/Articles/619235/Enabler_of_Mission.aspx)

**Closing date: 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

## REGULAR WEEKLY/MONTHLY ITEMS:

### SERVICE LINK

You have the option of downloading the video (mp4), audio (mp3) and online (mp4). The online version which was capture from live includes the presentation. ***Remember that you can still tune in to the service each week either at the time or later on, even if you have no computer access***

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September:**

**Video:**

Entire Service: <https://fccdl.in/MSzIBCahHY>

**Audio:**

Dial: 033 00 88 1945

Access Code: 353390#

Service Ref No: 767#

***Unfortunately, there were some technical issues this week and the recording only captured the first 20 minutes of the service***

**FACEBOOK LIVE** (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7.30pm)

## **HOME GROUPS**

Mondays: Each week at 7.45pm on Zoom (contact Howard Penney)

Thursdays: Each week at 7.45pm – 83 Stockwood Road

Thursdays: Each week at 7.45pm – September will be at 60 Bifield Road

## **MONTHLY BIBLE MEDITATION**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 8am on Zoom

## **LEADERS' MEETING**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup>** at 7.45pm

## **INTERCERSSARY PRAYER MEETING**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>** at 4pm

## **TODDLERS**

Every Wednesday at 9.30-11.30am

## **WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP**

Each week at 2.30-4pm

## **MONTHLY PRAYER LIST - SEPTEMBER**

### **Fellowship:**

Heather & Faye Parsons, Howard & Erzsi Penney & family, Giovanni & Linda Pitarella, Jon & Sam Powell, Maurice & Doreen Pugsley, Raja & Mighty Rathinam & family

### **Neighbourhood:**

Showering Road, Showering Close, Craydon Grove, Craydon Walk, Craydon Road, Pensford Court

## **LOOKING AHEAD:**

## **GOOD HOME WANTED:**

If you hear of anyone needing or wanting to donate good clean items, please contact Lance