

Notices for 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!

17 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Slee	Transformation
24 <sup>th</sup>	Lance Mason	Stewardship
31 <sup>st</sup>	Ed Lawrance	Preaching

### **COVID SECURE ARRANGEMENTS**

We are constantly trying to strike the right balance between taking the necessary steps to protect one another without becoming unnecessarily paranoid about the whole thing. Each church has to decide what feels right for them. So generally speaking, our arrangements are still:

**HANDS** - Please sanitise your hands at one of the dispensers as you come into the building.

**FACE** - Please wear your facemask as you enter and leave and move around the building. We would recommend that you continue to wear it when you sit down (and especially when we sing), but we understand if you feel awkward about this and remove it while you are sitting down (and when eating or drinking of course!)

**SPACE** - You will see that we have still maintained space between groups of chairs for services and other meetings and we would ask that you avoid "crowding" other people for any length of time. And please be sensitive to one another - we all have our own idea of what constitutes "close"!

We will continue to keep our arrangements under review.

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

#### **HARVEST SERVICE**

A huge thank you to Pauline Bingham, Hilary Newman and all of our young people for an inspiring and challenging Harvest Service this last Sunday. If you weren't with us, please catch up on FCC - you will be very blessed. You will also see a "cameo" clip from "Victor and Caroline", our BMS missionaries in Guinea, who popped in to see us all for the day. If you haven't yet contributed food towards our appeal, and still want to, then please get your contribution to the Church by this Wednesday. We will be taking all of the food over to our local food bank at Counterslip on Thursday afternoon. And also, a massive thank you to Joyce and "the team" for our first fellowship lunch for ages - it was so good to eat together.

#### **BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY HARVEST APPEAL**

We are collecting this year for BMS's annual appeal - this year entitled "I will stand". BMS has asked for our support in helping them to stand with persecuted Christians around the world. We will still accept donation envelopes for the next two Sundays. Thank you.

#### **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!

## **BUILDING SECURITY AND HOUSEKEEPING**

We have had one or two lapses of late. The building is now heavily used and so we need to be careful. So please before you leave:

- Turn off all the lights around the building
- Check that taps are turned off in the kitchen and the loos
- Make sure the key safe is closed
- Close the doors carefully (the one to the car park often doesn't lock first time, so please give the handle a good tug to check)!

## **FELLOWSHIP NEWS**

**Maxine Brunt** - Maxine has tested positive for Covid 19. She is not badly unwell at the moment; please pray that it stays that way and also that Kris and Adam don't catch Covid.

**Frank Kohler** - He is still in Southmead for the time being - please pray for him and also for Mandy and Co of course.

**Rebecca Mason** – Slowly, slowly! ... There are no great leaps forward, but we are so thankful that she is gradually getting back her powers of speech and can move some parts of her body. She is still in intensive care; we can't see her escaping from there any time soon ... though she wants to come home, which is a good sign.

**Margaret Nash** - She has her shoulder operation on Tuesday of this week and is currently self-isolating in preparation.

**David Reeve** - He has his knee operation next Wednesday.

**Connie Tipping** - Connie is desperate to join us regularly on Sundays but has had several bouts of ill health which have kept her away.

## **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!**

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**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 10<sup>th</sup> October:**

**Video:**

Entire Service: <https://fccdl.in/3LLx2sRqoh>

**Audio:**

Dial: 033 00 88 1945

Access Code: 353390#

Service Ref No: 770#

**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 – October meetings will be at 50 Bifield Road (no meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup>)

### **LEADERS' MEETING**

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

### **INTERCESSARY PRAYER MEETING**

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

### **PRAYER WALK**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>** at 4pm – meet at 60 Bifield Road

### **PUMPKIN PARTY**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>** – 4pm-6pm – for KS1 & KS2 Children. Come dressed as a pumpkin or in orange and/or green clothes

### **TODDLERS**

Every Wednesday at 9.30-11.30am

## **WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP**

Each week at 2.30-4pm

## **MONTHLY PRAYER LIST - OCTOBER**

### **Fellowship:**

Dave & Barbara Reeve & family, Dorothy Reinsch, Gordon & Pat Richards & family, Sue Rowe & family, Stephen & Patience Sadiku & family, Peter Sharpe

### **Neighbourhood:**

Burfoote Road, Burfoote Gardens, Pomfrett Gardens, Bifield Road, Bifield Gardens, Bifield Close, Warren Gardens, Coape Road, Cantell Grove, Townsend Road, Townsend Close

## **LOOKING AHEAD:**

## **GOOD HOME WANTED:**

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