

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!

24 th	Lance Mason	Stewardship
31 st	Ed Lawrance	Preaching (Youth leading the first half)

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:

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)!

SCHOOLS WORK

I would really appreciate your prayers for our schools work which is currently growing apace. We are planning to lead a number of assemblies and also to present "Christmas in a Box" after half-term - the schools are really keen on all of this! TLG has had a bumpy start to the year as a result of various hospitalisations, but we are still very much involved. In addition, I have various other roles both in Waycroft and Woodlands, especially the latter. Both schools enjoy our involvement with them [Lance]

STOCKWOOD SHOPS

Significant monies are to be allocated to an improvement of the Hollway Road shops. We are invited to make our comments on the proposals by **31st October**. Here is the link...

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/BristolHighStreetRecovery>

APPLE GATHERING & PRESSING

I have been asked to pass this on to you. If you interested in collecting apples down at the orchard at the Open Space (this Wednesday) or pressing them at the shops (this Saturday) - the juice is amazing! - please ask me for details [Lance]

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Kris & Maxine Brunt - They are now both recovering from CoVid - so thank you for praying for them - but they have lost their sense of taste & smell

Sarah Chalmers - Please pray for Sarah who is again suffering from a bad gall bladder infection

Frank Kohler - Frank has now been in Southmead for quite a long time so please continue to pray for him and for Mandy

Rebecca Mason - Rebecca is showing some small signs of improvement - she can now hold her head up unsupported, and Carol understands what she is saying most of the time (!), but she is still very tired and her kidneys won't work properly. The hospital thinks they may not proceed with classic chemo for her underlying leukemia as they are worried that she won't be able to cope with it - it is just possible that they will try out arsenic on her - yes, you read it right! We are aware of more and more people all over the place who are praying for her and are very moved and extremely grateful

Margaret Nash - Her shoulder operation was successful but they had to do some bone grafting which means her recovery will take longer than might have been expected

Terry Nichols - He has got a couple of infections (that are being sorted out) but also had a fall on Friday - he is currently in the BRI just for a check-up

Maurice Pugsley - He is in the BRI Oncology section for treatment on his melanoma

David Reeve - The correct date for his long-awaited badly-needed knee replacement operation, is Tuesday 26th October - sorry for any confusion

Sue Rowe - She is slowly recovering from her back operation and the pain is easing up, so thank you for praying for her

Linda & Colin White - Please just lift this couple up in prayer

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. Note that he is very, very bad at logging into Facebook Messenger on a regular basis!

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 17th October:

Video:

Entire Service: <https://fccdl.in/HBjwQqHUI7>

Audio:

Dial: 033 00 88 1945

Access Code: 353390#

Service Ref No: 771#

FACEBOOK LIVE (1st & 3rd 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 7th)

PRAYER WALK

Sunday 31st at 4pm – meet at 60 Bifield Road

PUMPKIN PARTY

Sunday 31st – 4pm-6pm – for KS1 & KS2 Children. Come dressed as a pumpkin or in orange and/or green clothes. Clare & Hilary urgently need more volunteers, or they may have to close the invitation early. If you can help in any way, please speak to either one of them

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