

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!

31st 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)!

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>

BRITISH WINTER-TIME

Please remember to put your clocks **BACK** one hour overnight on 30th -31st October. Alternatively amaze everyone by arriving an hour early for church next Sunday morning!

REMBERENCE SUNDAY – 14th November

Please let Lance know if there is any particular item that you would like him to include this year

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

David Boston - David had a bit of a health scare last week landing up in hospital. It appears as though he is anaemic, and his white blood cell count is low. Generally, he has not had such a great time recently so please pray for peace for him.

Sarah Chalmers - Sarah has had to cancel one holiday. Please pray that she is well enough for a "special" holiday coming up soon.

Frank Kohler - KEY PRAYER ITEM for this week. Frank really wants, and needs, to come home, however it's the old familiar story of difficulties in arranging care packages. The frustration and heartache for the family is quite understandably getting them all down. **Please pray** that this gets sorted out very soon.

Rebecca Mason - Rebecca has finally been moved out of Intensive Care into a Haematology ward, however she is still effectively unable to move from her neck downwards which is a real challenge to the nursing team. The good thing is that she is able to talk much more fluently and has actually made a few phone calls and video calls to family and friends this past week. The doctors hope to start her off on the arsenic treatment for her leukemia this week but are going to go very gently. Thank you for praying for her.

Margaret Nash - Margaret is back home from her (very successful) left shoulder operation but it will be 6 weeks before she is allowed to move her shoulder at all.

Terry Nichols - Terry has also had a stay in hospital with various infections but is now back home again.

David Reeve - David's knee operation has again been postponed at the last minute; you can well understand how frustrating this is.

Linda White - Linda has been diagnosed with narrowed arteries and will need a heart bypass operation in the not-too-distant future

Covid and all that - Rather than going through a long list of folk (of all ages) who have tested positive, please be aware that quite a lot of church folk are having to self-isolate as a result of Covid. Please pray that all will be kept safe from the worst effects of the virus.

Health issues generally - What you have just read is a catalogue of most of the most serious issues; there are others too. Please pray for protection for our church as a whole.

PUMPKIN PARTY

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

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 24th October:

Video: <https://fccdl.in/2qwlVXdTaz>

Entire Service:

Audio:

Dial: 033 00 88 1945

Access Code: 353390#

Service Ref No: 772#

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

PRAYER WALK

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

TODDLERS

Every Wednesday at 9.30-11.30am

(If enough volunteers can be found, a second session will start on Fridays after Christmas – please speak to Yvonne or Hilary if you think this is something you could help with)

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:

14th November – Remembrance Sunday