

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!

10 th	Adventurers/Youth	Harvest – see below for more details (includes a light fellowship lunch)
17 th	Peter Slee	Transformation
24 th	Lance Mason	Stewardship
31 st	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.

HARVEST – 10TH 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 given out in church and will be 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. Please bring a contribution from the following list, to be presented by both adults and children during the service:

- Tinned Meat (Chicken in Sauce, Stewing Steak, Irish Stew, etc)
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Marmalade & Honey
- Gravy Granules
- Drinking Chocolate
- Sponge Puddings
- Packets of Noodles

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 7TH 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 9TH 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>



The poster is for a 'Mental Health Friendly Church' event. It features a dark background with a bokeh light effect at the bottom. In the top left is a circular logo with a globe and the text 'Mental Health Friendly Church' and 'A KINTSUGI HOPE PROJECT'. The main title 'Mental Health Friendly Church' is in large, bold, yellow and white text. Below it, the date and location '9th October | Bristol | Woodlands Church' are listed. The time and cost '10AM - 4.30PM | £38' are also provided, along with the instruction '(BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH OR PURCHASE FROM LOCAL VENUES)'. Three speakers are featured with their photos and names: Patrick Regan OBE (CEO of Kintsugi Hope), Rachael Newham (Mental Health Friendly Church Project Manager), and Lynette Brooks (Kintsugi Hope Relationship Manager). Below the speakers, three key themes are listed in yellow: 'WHY IS MENTAL HEALTH SO IMPORTANT?', 'HOW HAS THE PANDEMIC CHANGED US?', and 'WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR US AND OUR CHURCHES?'. A paragraph describes the event as a presentation of research outcomes on attitudes towards mental health. A bulleted list of goals is provided: improve understanding of mental health, explore a robust and practical theology, and enable churches and communities to provide safe, supportive spaces. At the bottom, it says 'BOOK ON EVENTBRITE' and provides the URL 'KINTSUGIHOPE.COM/MHFC'.

Mental Health Friendly Church
A KINTSUGI HOPE PROJECT

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, though still bruised and only slowly moving around on crutches, is well on his way to recovery. Thank you for your prayers for him and Christine

The Kelly Family - Please pray for Pauline and her daughters as Pete's funeral on Thursday approaches

Frank Kohler - Please continue to pray for Frank who will be in Southmead Hospital for a little while yet. And please also pray especially for Mandy

Ann Lewendon - Ann has very unexpectedly lost her dear friend and partner Mark who died of a sudden heart attack. Please pray for her at this very sad time

Rebecca Mason - Rebecca has had a much better week. She is off the ventilator but is still on kidney dialysis quite a lot. She hasn't got very much muscle strength - she can't really move around very much at all and only communicates with difficulty. We are told that she is very sleepy, but this comes as no great surprise to those of us who have known her for the past 29 years! However, we are so thankful to you all yet again for your love and prayers; we clearly see God's hand in this unfolding miracle

Margaret Nash - She is going into self-isolation on Saturday prior to her operation next Tuesday. Pray that, on this fourth occasion, it actually happens!

Maurice Pugsley - It now appears as though Maurice has a form of melanoma; this can be treated

Sandra Wright - Sandra is now safely installed in a nursing home in Fishponds and is receiving excellent care. She won't be returning to Haberfield for the time being

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!

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

Closing date: 15th 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 3rd October:

Video:

Entire Service: <https://fccdl.in/ucM3JiO64C>

Audio:

Dial: 033 00 88 1945

Access Code: 353390#

Service Ref No: 768#

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)

LEADERS' MEETING

Monday 11th at 7.45pm

INTERCESSARY PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday 13th at 4pm

PRAYER WALK

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

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