

Notices for November 2021

Stockwood Free Church

SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10.45am ON SFC PREMISES AND ON FCC

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

14th November is, of course, Remembrance Sunday. For the rest of the month, we will finish our series with the theme "What is the church for?" We have had plenty of food for thought so far ...

21 st	Peter Slee	Mission
28 th	Martin Stephens	Advent Sunday

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

Please pray for those of us who are going into schools to lead assemblies, mentor children (via TLG) and support other aspects of the local schools' education. As a result of the return of a number of covid restrictions, it is making our activities quite challenging!

SPARE LAPTOP

As part of our ongoing effort to keep our services safe we are opening up the back hall as an overflow venue at least for the first part of the service. We could really do with a decent laptop to facilitate this. Do let Kris Brunt know if you have an unused laptop knocking about anywhere!

MEMBERS MEETING – THURSDAY 18th at 7.45pm

We will meet again in the main hall. Members, please come if you possibly can as we need everyone's wisdom right now!

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY – SUNDAY 5th DECEMBER

We are trying to organise some sort of fellowship lunch that day bearing in mind the need to keep everyone safe. Please pencil it in your diary!

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

More news on Thursday at the members' meeting but, in case you are wondering, we are going to organise two identical Carol services on **Sunday 19th December** so that we can safely invite family, friends and neighbours to this traditional event.

CAROLS-TO-GO - CAN YOU HELP?

We are planning to take our SFC Carol Trailer out and about in Stockwood again this year:

Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 22nd December - 6-8pm each night (weather permitting)

Our support crew needs to consist of:

- 1 Driver (Colin each evening)
- 1 Lead Safety Scout/Marshall (to walk in front)
- 1 Tech person
- 2/3 Sweet Distributors (for the children)!

If you're able to help, please contact Colin & Linda White: email colinpjwhite@gmail.com
Tel: 01275 835708

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Lilly Cox - We give thanks to God that the DVT (blood clot) in her left leg is responding well to medication and that she managed to get back to school by the middle of last week.

Frank Kohler - Frank is now back home with a regular rota of carers coming in to see him each day, but this has meant all sorts of changes for him and the rest of the family.

Rebecca Mason - There isn't a whole lot of change in her physical strength and she is still sick a lot, but we are thankful that her haematology consultant says that she is responding well to her arsenic medication.

Maurice Pugsley - Maurice died in the BRI in the small hours of Friday morning so please pray for Doreen and her three sons as they come to terms with the sad news.

Linda White - She is booked in for her heart bypass operation on 7th /8th December.

BRI - "Message to my Loved One"

You may not know about this super service which was introduced during the pandemic. If you would like to have a message delivered to someone at the BRI (we don't think they have such a system yet at Southmead), then just log on to the link below and it will explain the very simple process. (The relevant ward numbers are given above)

<http://www.uhbristol.nhs.uk/contact-us/message-to-my-loved-one/>

WHERE IS LANCE?

Lance and Carol are still 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 14th November

Video:

Entire Service: <https://fccdl.in/fC90RnpXa2>

Audio:

Dial: 033 00 88 1945

Access Code: 353390#

Service Ref No: 775#

HOME GROUPS

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

Thursdays: Each week at 7.45pm – 83 Stockwood Road (not 18th)

Thursdays: Each week at 7.45pm – November meetings will be at 20 Stockwood Road (not 18th)

INTERCESSORY PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday 17th at 4pm

MEMBERS MEETING

Thursday 18th at 7.45pm

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 - NOVEMBER

Fellowship:

Monica Shepherd, Peter & Pat Slee & family, Travis & Donna Speedie & family, Mandy & Martin Stephens & family

Neighbourhood:

Lacey Road, Cogsall Road, Linden Close, Thompson Road, Cornish Road, Cornish Walk, Derricke Road, Swane Road, Matthews Close

LOOKING AHEAD:

December 5th – Church Anniversary

December 19th – Nativity & Carol Services