

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 ...

| | | |
|------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 7 th | Ted Morse | Fellowship (includes Communion) |
| 14 th | Lance Mason | Remembrance Sunday |
| 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)!

THANK YOU

- To our wonderful Youth Church for leading the first part of our Sunday service this week. They did really well, enriching our worship and challenging us all to think hard!
- To everyone who helped make the Pumpkin Party such a success ... 33 children attended and had a great time.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

We are slowly going to return to real live assemblies in Waycroft and Woodlands this term. We are all very excited about this! Please pray for safety for those of us involved, given the ongoing Covid challenges, and for clarity of the message.

REMEMBERANCE SUNDAY – 14th November

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

MENTAL HEALTH LIVED EXPERIENCE

Heather Williams, a friend of mine, a super Christian and the Chief Executive of Knowle Health Park, asked me to forward this message [Lance]

Mental Health Services are being transformed and we are looking for South Bristol people with lived experience of mental health and services. Your input is important to shape the future and make the offer fit for purpose. Please click on the links to find out more and apply to get involved:

Opportunity description: https://www.imhn.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/IMHN_Opp_BS_LE_39.pdf

Application form: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/IMHN-MH-Lived-Experience-Opportunities>

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

David Boston - For those who know David, we would really appreciate your prayers for him. His health team is adjusting his medication but all the same he is extremely low right now and this has caused quite a few call-outs this past week.

Frank Kohler - Two weeks running of direct answers to very specific prayers. Thank you. God is sooooo good! Frank comes home (with a care package) this Monday. Please don't visit him for the first week, though, to give him time to settle back into home life. ****Update**** We have just heard that Frank arrived home to no carers and so has been taken back to Southmead for the time being. Please pray that this will get sorted immediately.

Rebecca Mason - Things are trundling on very slowly but mainly in the right direction. Downsides are that she is sick a lot of the time and she is very frustrated that she has virtually no use of her limbs, meaning that she has to get other people to do almost everything for her. Upsides are that her speech and thinking appear to be back to normal, the hallucinations have stopped, she can swallow properly now (though is still often sick), her kidneys - what an answer to prayer! - are holding up and, most importantly, they have restarted her leukemia treatment with the promised arsenic (I kid you not)! Lance and Carol are so thankful to you all for your continued prayers and support.

Maurice Pugsley - He is still in Southmead. Only his son is allowed to visit so, quite understandably, Doreen is really frustrated... and is missing Maurice.

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 31st October:

Video:

Entire Service: <https://fccdl.in/j1fdebelcu>

Audio:

Dial: 033 00 88 1945

Access Code: 353390#

Service Ref No: 773#

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 (not 18th)

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

BIBLE MEDITATION

Saturday 6th at 8am on Zoom

LEADERS MEETING

Monday 8th at 7.45pm on Zoom

ADVENTURERS/YOUTH CHURCH LEADERS MEETING

Tuesday 9th at 7.30pm at 60 Bifield Road

INTERCESSORY PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday 17th at 4pm

MEMBERS MEETING

Thursday 18th at 7.45pm

PRAYER WALK

Meet at 7 Cogsall Road (Date & Time TBA)

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 19th – Nativity & Carol Services