

Notices for December 2021

Stockwood Free Church

SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10.45am ON SFC PREMISES AND ON FCC

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

During Advent we will explore this special season through the eyes of several of our own folk. However, Sunday 5th December will also be a celebration of Stockwood Free Church's anniversary – we shall be 58 years old this year! That day is also the occasion of Monica's 90th birthday

5 th	Lance Mason	2 nd Sunday in Advent/Church Anniversary (inc Communion & Lunch)
12 th	Ted Morse	3 rd Sunday in Advent
19 th	10.45am	Nativity
	5pm & 7.30pm	Carol Service
26 th	10.15/10.30am	Boxing Day Walk

COVID SECURITY

Numbers in our Sunday services have been rising steadily throughout the Autumn. In order to keep everyone safe, we have set up the back hall as an "overflow" venue for the first part of the service. This may well also suit those who find the big crowd a little overwhelming! When the children leave there is plenty of room for everyone to get back together in the main hall. Other safety arrangements – using hand gel, wearing masks and social distancing – continue as before.

NEWER & ONE-OFF ITEMS:

CHRISTMAS

Note

We have done our best to organise a programme that is as close as possible to normal and will also keep everyone safe. As the month progresses, we will keep you updated with any changes we feel we have to make in the light of the Covid situation. Please note that all services will be streamed on FCC as usual.

Saturday 18th December – 11am – The shops – Carol singing, etc

Please join us if you possibly can for this very informal get together to sing carols at the shops. The more of us there are, the greater the impact!

Sunday 19th December – 10.45am – Church premises – Nativity

One of our traditional and well-loved Christmas services. We are not going to publicise this widely to allow for our regular folk to bring their families.

Sunday 19th December – 5pm and 7.30pm – Church premises – Carol Services

We are going to host two identical Carol services this year and we encourage you to invite your family and friends to one of them. To give us an idea of numbers, Clare will be making a list of which service you would like to attend; this isn't a booking system, and you can change your mind. We will also need plenty of help!

Monday to Wednesday, 20th to 22nd December – Out and about!

Last year our "Carols to go" car and trailer was an enormous hit. We are going to repeat this over three nights this year, weather permitting. We will need help – 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.

Saturday 25th December – 10am – Church premises

This will be a short service as usual and again we are not going to publicise it widely. Younger people are invited to bring a small present to show us all.

Sunday 26th December – 10.15am for 10.30am – Out and about!

Instead of our Sunday service we will go on our traditional Boxing Day walk finishing with a simple soup, bread and cheese lunch at the Church.

Community Christmas Card

We have not received the community Christmas card from the printers yet, but it would really help if you could let Pauline know which roads you are able to deliver to.

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY LUNCH

Sunday 5th - Joyce and Ken have kindly agreed to lay on a fellowship lunch after the service. However, we need YOU to bring along a pudding to share with others.

MAURICE PUGSLEY'S FUNERAL

Tuesday 14th - Maurice's funeral will be at 2.15pm at the South Bristol Crematorium.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Ana Bonham - Ana is continuing to make steady progress recovering from her recent stroke. Spencer is looking after himself well with some help from neighbours.

David Boston - David is making a slow recovery from a prolonged very low spell recently.

Lilly Cox - Lilly is recovering well from the recent DVT in her left leg. Hers was so much worse than Lance's and so we are thankful that she is so much better now.

Frank Kohler - Frank cannot really get out of bed at the moment. Please pray for him and for the rest of the family of course.

Rebecca Mason - Rebecca is still sick a lot but has regained some use of her left hand which gives her a little independence. Please pray for continued healing.

Pat Morse - Pat is being supported to cope with the poor functioning of her lungs

Margaret Nash - Margaret's shoulder is healing well but needs to stay in the sling a little longer until the physio is happy with it.

Doreen Pugsley - Please pray for God's peace as Doreen plans and prepares for Maurice's funeral.

Pat Richards - Pat is in constant pain from her arthritis and continually gets migraines, but prays so much for the rest of us.

Sue Rowe - Sue, thank God, is at last out of the terrible back pain that has dragged her down over the past few years.

Monica Shepherd - In case you didn't know, she will be 90 next Sunday (5th December)!

Connie Tipping - We are thrilled that Connie has been accepted into church membership.

Linda White - Linda has her big heart operation on 7th/8th December. Please pray for peace for Linda and a successful outcome.

Sandra Wright - Sandra will be moving at some point from her current home in Fishponds to a nursing home, as Haberfield is no longer the right place for her.

WHERE IS LANCE?

For obvious reason Carol and Lance are not going away at the moment, so will be around all month.

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 28th November

Video:

Entire Service: <https://fccdl.in/HT41UkIBLR>

Audio:

Dial: 033 00 88 1945

Access Code: 353390#

Service Ref No: 778#

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 – December meetings will be at 20 Stockwood Road

MONTHLY BIBLE MEDITATION

Saturday 4th at 8am on Zoom

PRAYER WALK

Sunday 12th at 4pm – meet at 7 Cogsall Road

LEADERS' MEETING

Monday 13th at 7.45pm on Zoom

INTERCESSARY PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday 15th at 4pm on SFC Premises

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 - DECEMBER

Fellowship:

Jenny, Jude & Jana Stoltz, Gemma, Greg & Rhoda Thomas, Mark & Roz Wakefield & family, Colin & Linda White, Ken & Joyce Wooster, Sandra Wright

Neighbourhood:

Bagnell Road, Bagnell Close, Ladman Road, Ladman Grove, Chestnut Close, Pynne Road, Pynne Close, Cottle Road, Cottle Gardens