

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 ...

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)!

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

Our current intention is to hold this meeting on the Church premises again. It is not merely an "information passing-on" event so please let Lance or Clare know if there is anything that you would like to be added to the agenda.

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

Lilly Cox - Lilly is currently in the BRI Heart Institute (ward C708). She has a DVT in her left leg, which had swelled up very badly at the end of last week. We do not know yet whether they will operate or just use medication. Please pray that the medical team will be wise and do the right things at the right time. Please pray for Mike and Trish too.

Frank Kohler - Frank is now back home with his promised care package but will need further assessment. Please pray that they will get it right. Please pray for Mandy too.

Rebecca Mason - Rebecca is still in BRI Haematology (ward D703). Her progress is extremely slow as she is battling with multiple conditions, not least her extreme physical disability. Please pray that the vast number of medics who come to see her will come up jointly with the best plan for her. Please also pray for Lance and Carol (**Lance's** back is much improved).

Pat Morse - Pat has now been diagnosed with Pulmonary Lung Disease and will need treatment. Please pray for both Pat and Ted.

Maurice Pugsley - Maurice is in BRI Oncology (ward D603). He is receiving palliative care and his family are now allowed to visit. Please pray for Doreen too.

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 7th November

Video:

Entire Service: <https://fccdl.in/lmaOV97TU8>

Audio:

Dial: 033 00 88 1945

Access Code: 353390#

Service Ref No: 774#

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)

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