

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

19 th	10.45am	Nativity
	5pm & 7.30pm	Carol Service
25 th	10am	Christmas Day
26 th	10.15/10.30am	Boxing Day Walk (no service)

COVID ARRANGEMENTS

Unless the government decides upon stricter regulations, we will carry on in our services as we have been since June, with:

- Chairs spaced apart in groups
- Sanitising hands when entering the building
- Wearing masks throughout (unless exempt)

What we are doing seems sensible and in line with what most other similar churches are doing.

PRAYER

We have a huge number of Christmas events on the church premises, in schools and out in the community taking place this week, more than we have ever organised before. Please pray each day for them if you can! Thank you

NEWER & ONE-OFF ITEMS:

CHRISTMAS

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.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Ana Bonham - She is at home, slowly recovering from her recent stroke.

Frank Kohler - He is still very much confined to his bed which of course restricts what he does.

Joanne Langley - She is trying to cope with mixed messages over future treatment for some internal issues.

Rebecca Mason - Her main challenge is the constant nausea and sickness which is really getting her down. She is responding extremely well to her leukemia treatment - she has another round of arsenic next week. She now has a lot more movement in her lower arms but still cannot move much of the rest of her body though.

Doreen Pugsley - Maurice's funeral is this Tuesday afternoon so please pray for Doreen and her family.

David Reeve - He still doesn't have a date for his knee operation.

Pat & Gordon Richards - Their daughter Christine, who has many long-standing health issues, is currently quite ill in Southmead hospital.

Linda White - She is at home making a slow, but encouraging, recovery from her recent heart operation. Please don't visit until she is ready!

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 12th

Video: n/a

Entire Service:

Audio:

Dial: 033 00 88 1945

Access Code: 353390#

Service Ref No: n/a

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

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