

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

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:

THIS CHRISTMAS-TIME

Wishing everybody a Happy Christmas doesn't feel quite right this year given everything that is going on. So instead, my prayer is that you will all know the reality of Immanuel - God with us - in the midst of whatever celebrations you manage to have and may you also rejoice in His richest blessings in the New Year [Lance]

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

Remember to listen/look out for Colin White's "Carol Bus" this week between 6pm & 8pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Saturday 25th December – 10am – Church premises

As usual we will hold a short service at 10am on Christmas Day, this year led by Becky Nichols. Children are invited to bring along a small present to show the rest of us.

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

We won't have a service on Boxing Day. Instead, do meet up at Church at 10.15am for a walk around the Open Space starting about 10.30am. Afterwards we will enjoy a simple lunch at the Church at around 12 noon. You are very welcome to come just to the lunch!

THANK YOU

I know that we have events yet to come but I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank the veritable army of people who have worked so hard to organise and lead a host of very different activities to suit all tastes this Christmas. And all this against the continuing challenges of the pesky pandemic. Thank you [Lance]

A PERSONAL NOTE

We (Carol and I) would like to thank all of you for your love, help and support throughout this year which, as for so many of you, has contained many challenges for us. Stockwood Free Church is such a wonderful family to us. Please forgive us for not getting around to sending cards this year - it was just one thing too many. [Lance]

NEXT NEWSLETTER

Just to warn you not to expect a newsletter next week. The Editorial team could do with a bit of a break! The next one will appear early in the New Year.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Christine Richards - Real shock news: Gordon's & Pat's daughter Christine, after many years of very poor health, died on Saturday. Understandably, the family is in a complete state of shock and sadness. They would really appreciate your prayers for them all.

Ana Bonham - Ana is slowly making positive progress after her recent stroke.

Sarah Chalmers - Sarah's gall bladder removal finally went ahead; she is making very encouraging progress back to health.

Frank Kohler - The situation hasn't changed a whole lot with Frank's basically being confined to his bed.

Joanne Langley - Joanne has some concerning health challenges which will need treatment one way or another.

Rebecca Mason - Rebecca is getting increased use of her arms and the physio team are even beginning to get her to stand up for a few seconds now and then. She has another round of arsenic treatment this coming week. The problems over her digestion continue - one solution is a major operation that she really doesn't want to have. However, we are very thankful that she is making progress.... slowly.

Pat Morse - Pat's breathing problems continue, as do the efforts to try to alleviate them.

Margaret Nash - Her shoulder is really mending well now.

Doreen Pugsley - Maurice's funeral took place on Tuesday but please continue to pray for peace for Doreen.

Linda White - Linda's heart operation went well and her recovery is going according to plan.

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 19th

Nativity Video

Entire Service: <https://fccdl.in/4amrejcn90>

Nativity Audio

Dial: 033 00 88 1945

Access Code: 353390#

Service Ref No: 780#

Carol Service Video (5pm version)

Entire Service: <https://fccdl.in/wiXDbQTh7M>

Carol Service Audio (5pm version)

Dial: 033 00 88 1945

Access Code: 353390#

Service Ref No: 781#

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

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