

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 90<sup>th</sup> birthday

12 <sup>th</sup>	Ted Morse	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent
19 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am	Nativity
	5pm & 7.30pm	Carol Service
26 <sup>th</sup>	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:**

#### **CHURCH ANNIVERSARY & LUNCH**

What a super occasion when so many people joined us - we saw folk we hadn't seen for ages and even some more new faces! We had a great opportunity to "celebrate God's faithfulness" to the Church over the past 58 years - our theme for the service. I would like to thank the huge number of people who helped with this service - cleaning and setting up beforehand, working the technology, playing in the music group, preparing the Communion and helping to serve, acting as court photographer, doing the reading, buying and cutting up Monica's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday cake, preparing, serving and clearing up drinks and the lunch and so on. It was so good to have a real "family occasion" like this. [Lance]

#### **ARBOUR WALK**

Please pray for Ted and Martin as they lead a Christmas service in Arbour Walk next Sunday afternoon (12<sup>th</sup>), building on Ted's very successful visit last month.

#### **SCHOOLS WORK**

Lance and Carol would really value your prayers next week. They are in school every morning (apart from Monday) leading "Christmas in a box" sessions (with help from Louise Howarth) or Christmas assemblies, all with Key Stage 2 children (Juniors in old money), so it is going to be a really busy and very tiring week for them!

#### **MAURICE PUGSLEY'S FUNERAL**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>** - Maurice's funeral will be at 2.15pm at the South Bristol Crematorium.

#### **COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD**

We have now received the community Christmas card from the printers – Roger & Pauline will batch them up, so please collect your chosen roads from 60 Bifield from Monday evening onwards.

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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, 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:colinpjwhite@gmail.com), Tel: 01275 835708.

### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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** - Ana, thank God, is now back home again after her recent stroke.

**Geoff C** - Those of you who were at the lunch will have seen Geoff, our visitor, collapse at the end of the meal. The ambulance service was so busy that they said they couldn't come out to attend to him! However, with lots of help from Clare and Tina, we got him up and mobile and safely back home. He is currently waiting to talk to his GP.

**Sarah Chalmers** - Sarah had now had her gall bladder operation delayed for the second time. This is frustrating to say the very least.

**Frank Kohler** - Life is not at all easy for Frank and the family, especially Mandy. Please pray for extra strength all round.

**Rebecca Mason** - Rebecca is in the middle of a four-week gap from her leukemia treatment (which is proving extremely effective). She is getting back increased use of her hands, especially her right hand, which is giving her a lot more independence. She even stood for 2 whole seconds(!) last week but other than this she is still effectively immobile. However, her whole digestive system is still inoperative, and they are talking about putting in a very invasive feeding system which she really doesn't want to have. We were thrilled by the miraculous answers to your prayers for her kidneys! Please would you now pray for her digestive system and stomach?!

**Doreen Pugsley** - Maurice's funeral takes place next week. For all sorts of reasons this is proving very challenging for Doreen. Please pray God's peace to surround her.

**David Reeve** - He is currently awaiting a new date for his knee operation but, in the meantime, he is still in a lot of pain.

**Linda White** - Hot off the press! After a protracted period of uncertainty over when Linda's heart operation would actually take place, I am thrilled to say that she is having the operation as I write on Monday morning. Please pray for wisdom and skill for the surgeons and nursing team and, of course, for Colin.

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> December**

#### Video:

Entire Service: <https://fccdl.in/2eJDI0lqtQ>

#### Audio:

Dial: 033 00 88 1945

Access Code: 353390#

Service Ref No: 779#

### 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

### PRAYER WALK

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>** at 4pm – meet at 7 Cogsall Road

### LEADERS' MEETING

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup>** at 7.45pm on Zoom

### INTERCESSARY PRAYER MEETING

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>** 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