

Notices for March 2022

Stockwood Free Church

SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10.45am ON SFC PREMISES AND ON FCC

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

During this month we will finish our series based on Luke's gospel, looking at some of the major themes of Jesus' ministry.

13th Ted Morse
20th Lance Mason
27th Martin Stephens

COVID SECURITY UPDATE

Covid is not going to go away and sooner or later we all need to find ways to live with it. At our recent leaders' meeting, there was unanimous agreement that we need to move on now. The vaccines, especially if you have had all three jabs, have clearly made a miraculous difference to the course of the pandemic. However you measure these things, the latest variant of the virus seems to be significantly less dangerous than its predecessors. We have recently had a lot of church households affected by the virus and the worst reports, in just a few cases, are of ongoing tiredness, as one might expect from a bad head-cold. We are proposing to keep our hand-gel dispensers - sanitising hands regularly is good practice in any case. We are more than happy for people to continue to keep social distance and wear their facemasks if they would like to, but from now on we are going to let people decide what feels right to them. For those who have particular high-risk circumstances, notably Carol Mason for obvious reasons, we will continue to stream our regular online services. Please note that we are NOT saying that we are not wearing masks from now on, as many will continue to choose to do so, merely that we are going to give everyone the discretion to decide for themselves.

NEWER & ONE-OFF ITEMS:

UKRAINE

The situation is grim. We all want to do something to help. It goes without saying that we are called to pray. And, as I suggested last week, we can only throw ourselves on God's grace and mercy. It appears as though there is already a huge influx of goods into the agencies who are caring directly for refugees and from now on the need will probably be for money. Both Transform Europe Network (TEN), which is the overseeing body for our partnership in Moldova, and TEAR Fund, which is one of the 15 charities who make up the Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC), have now opened appeals for finances. We will donate to at least one if not both!

CHURCH ANNUAL OUTING

Advance warning! We are off to Weymouth (of course) on **Saturday 16th July**. Steve Birch and his coach are booked!

LANCE'S LABOURS

I am putting some thought into our Easter events. Don't we just need to celebrate this most significant time of the Christian calendar properly for the first time in three years?!

WHERE IS LANCE?

Yet again, no great surprise here ... Lance & Carol are still around all month.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Rebecca Mason – Rebecca is now safely installed in South Bristol Hospital. Because she still has to go back to Oncology twice a week for ongoing treatment the physio hasn't really kicked in yet. We have a feeling that they will do their utmost to get Rebecca home soon. This is what she really wants! We are enormously thankful to God for his healing and to everyone within the church for your ongoing love and support.

Sue Rowe – Sue's funeral will take place on **Wednesday 6th April**. There will be a committal at South Bristol Crematorium at 12.45pm and later on that afternoon at the Church a joint memorial service for John and Sue.

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 6th March

Video

<https://fccdl.in/hRj3sUbYJt>

Audio

Dial: 033 00 88 1945

Access Code: 353390#

Service Ref No: 796#

HOME GROUPS

Mondays: Each week at 7.45pm on Zoom (contact Howard Penney)

Thursdays: Each week at 7.45pm – 83 Stockwood Road

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PRAYER WALK

Sunday 13th – Meet at Linda & Giovanni's home, 20 Stockwood Road at 4pm to walk around this month's prayer area.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday 16th at 4pm on Church premises

AGM

Thursday 17th at 7.45pm on Church premises

FILM EVENING

Remember those?! We will be holding our first return film evening on **Sunday 20th at 6.30 pm**. The title is yet to be decided but you might just want to make a note in your diary to keep the evening free!

TODDLERS

Every Wednesday & Friday from 9.30-11.30am.

They could still do with a bit more help on either day – if you think you could spare some time, please speak to Hilary or Yvonne

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

Each week from 2.30-4pm

MONTHLY PRAYER LIST – MARCH

Fellowship:

Ryan Collins, Christine Clothier, Alan & Christine Cowley, Bernard & Christine Crabbe, Barbara Dore

Neighbourhood:

Hollway Road & shops, Hollway Close, Selden Road, Harden Road, Eaton Close, Bluebell Gardens, Haberfield House, Waycroft Academy, Medical Centre, Dentist, Materman Road, Goslett Road, Woolley Road, Battson Road