

Notices for June 2022

Stockwood Free Church

SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10.45am ON SFC PREMISES AND ON FCC

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

It seems to make more sense to hold a series of one-off services in June:

- 5th Lance Mason – Pentecost, with a nod towards the Queen's Platinum Jubilee
- 12th Neville Lintern – the story of Peter and Cornelius from the book of Acts. Please note that we will be celebrating Communion at the end of today
- 19th Lance Mason – Baptismal service (see below) with a message focused on the importance of baptism
- 26th Beth Stephens – topic to be decided

NEWER & ONE-OFF ITEMS:

JUBILEE WEEKEND EVENTS

- Friday 3rd 4pm-6.30pm – Games and Barbecue at Cottle Road Park – aimed at primary school children
- Saturday 4th 2pm-4.30pm – Tea dance on the church premises – open to all and sundry

WEDDING

Bethany Nall & Rob Head – What a wonderful summer! Bethany and Rob are to be married at the Free Church on **Saturday 18th June at 2pm**. This will be followed by a light afternoon tea at the church – all welcome to the service and the tea. They have had a tough time of it over the past few years and are really looking forward to this happy occasion.

BAPTISM

Please join us as we baptise **Emily Stephens** on **Sunday 19th June**. What a thrill! There will be food afterwards.

MISSION

- **Local**

Our links with the local schools and the children's centre grow ever stronger. I am so grateful for all those who are involved in any way. We look forward to our upcoming games and barbecue afternoon (see below), where we will see many of our friends from the schools. The Monday lunch club and Wednesday & Friday Toddler groups are all thriving right now and these allow us further opportunities to get alongside and support people in the local community.

- **Moldova**

Andrei and Eugenia, our dear partners in Moldova, the poorest country in Europe, face multiple financial challenges right now. Ema, their eldest daughter, was married last year and Livia, their second, is getting married on 9th July. On top of this inflation has hit Moldova big-time. I am thrilled to say that, at our recent church members' meeting, we agreed to send a substantial personal gift to Andrei and Eugenia and also to increase our regular monthly giving to them. They have a wonderful ministry in Burlacu and always thank us profusely for the support that we give them.

- **Guinea**

Victor and Caroline, our Baptist Missionary Society partners, are working hard in Guinea and have a new colleague joining them. Many of us have known them for a very long time. When they are next back in the UK, we shall invite them to come to visit us again.

LANCE'S LABOURS

You may not find me around all the time as I am doing some invigilating at St Mary Redcliffe. Other than that, I am just starting to think about the autumn!

WHERE IS LANCE?

Please note that Carol and Lance will be away camping until Thursday 2nd June. They will also be away on the weekend of 25th & 26th June.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

This is a good point to extend a very warm welcome to our many newcomers who have joined us since we emerged from the depths of the pandemic. For our regulars, please have a chat sometime with our new friends and make them feel even more welcome! And for our newcomers, Pauline Bingham has kindly produced a super sheet of "mugshots" in our side hallway so you can put faces to at least some names!

Rebecca Mason – The eagle-eyed amongst you will have noticed that Rebecca slipped into the back of the Sunday morning service last week. This was her first time back for almost 9 months. Little by little she is regaining strength and mobility in her legs, but there is still a way to go.

Pat Morse – Please pray for Pat; she continues to have so many problems with her breathing.

Beth Stephens – I am thrilled to pass on the news that Beth was unanimously accepted into church membership at our recent church meeting. We will do something to mark the occasion one coming Sunday morning.

Connie Tipping – Poor Connie. She is desperate to be with us but at the moment her legs have swollen, and she has been told to rest. Update: She did manage to join us this week.

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 captured 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 29th

Video

<https://fccdl.in/XGlxWQYTY9>

Audio

Dial: 033 00 88 1945

Access Code: 353390#

Service Ref No: 811#

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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LEADERS MEETING

Monday 6th at 7.45pm on Zoom

PRAYER WALK

Sunday 12th – Meet at Sturminster Road/Linnet Way junction at 4.15pm, to walk around this month's prayer area.

FILM EVENING

Sunday 19th at 6.3pm – Title to be decided

INTERCESSORY PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday 26th at 4pm on SFC Premises

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 – JUNE

Fellowship:

Keith & Renate Lilley & family, Neville Lintern, Mike & Gail Lynn & family, Bruce & Karen Martin, Lance & Carol Mason, Rebecca Mason

Neighbourhood:

Sturminster Road (bottom, 2-68), Manston Close, Beechwood Close, Durweston Walk, Hanford Court, Winash Close, Hemplow Close, Newnham Close, Ilsyn Grove, Lyons Court Road

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CHURCH OUTING

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