

Notices for September 2022

Stockwood Free Church

SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10.45am ON SFC PREMISES AND ON FCC

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

September sees things slowly starting to get back to our SFC version of normal. Our Sunday services have a mix of themes:

25th Harvest Service, led by our younger people followed by a light lunch (details below)

MEMBERS' MEETING

Thursday 22nd at 7.45pm

Please come along if you can. Lance wants to raise some important issues, not least of which is how best the church might respond to the cost of living (especially energy) situation which will hit some local families very hard.

HARVEST

The theme of this year's Harvest Service is "Good Land". Prepared by BMS, it is an invitation to walk with the people of Ghusel, a remote village in Nepal's mountains and help them transform their village. Gift envelopes will be available for collection during the service and can be returned either this Sunday or the next. Please bring a contribution of non-perishable food or other necessities for our local Food Bank, to present during the service. Most items are welcome but **NOT** pasta, baked beans or cereals please.

Joyce and Ken are going to lay on a simple soup, bread and cheese lunch. Stay on after the service if you can. Please bring along something to share for pudding. We will put out an offering tray to cover costs; anything that is left over will also go towards our BMS appeal.

SUNDAY SERVICES

If you have a personal story to tell about how you felt that Jesus called you to follow Him on some occasion, please have a word with Lance and he will try to include you sometime during the current series "Come, follow me."

TEAS & COFFEES

We really miss David and Barbara at the moment. The result is that Brian is on his own clearing up our drinks afterwards. Could you possibly help Brian out in the kitchen?

FROM LANCE AND CAROL

Thank you so much to all of you in the church for allowing us to take an extended break over the Summer. We have had plenty of opportunity to enjoy the good weather away on holiday, but we haven't got through very many of our long backlog of jobs! Thank you also for your prayerful and practical support to our family over the past very challenging 12 months; we rejoice in God's continued work of healing in Rebecca's life.

SPONSORSHIP REQUEST

Roger and Pauline Bingham are running the London Marathon on Sunday 2nd October. They are raising money for the Bristol Haematology and Oncology Centre (part of Bristol & Weston Hospitals Charity). You may remember that the Centre was where Rebecca spent such a long time last year, critically ill during her Leukaemia treatment. Thanks to many prayers and the work of the centre, she is back in the fellowship and gradually recovering. If you would like to share in sponsoring Roger and Pauline, a sponsor form is available in church, or ask Pauline for the link to their JustGiving page.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Jackie Greenland – Jackie was doing really well after her heart attack but the combined effect of all her medication is getting her down. Please pray!

Sylvia Langley – Sylvia is on the way to recovery after her fall downstairs, but it is clearly going to take time

David Reeve – Although his replacement knee is doing really well, David has pulled a muscle in his groin, and this is what is really causing him grief. I know that he would appreciate our prayers for him... and for Barbara who is very busy looking after him!

Others? – Please let Lance or Sam know if there is news that you would like to be shared more widely around the church fellowship

PLEA FOR HELP

We are planning to run a **Pumpkin Party** on **31st October** and will need some help from 3.30pm until 6.30pm. If you're able to help, please speak to Clare, thank you

LANCE'S LABOURS

Please allow me a week or so to get my act together once again. My current plans for the next couple of months are:

- finalising planning of the Autumn preaching series, "Come follow me"
- giving some thought, prayer and energy as to how we better connect with men in particular
- working with the community group, other local venues and the council to provide support this winter for those struggling with the cost of living

WHERE IS LANCE?

I will officially be back in business from Monday 12th, kicking off with some assemblies in schools. From then on I should be around for a while!

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, even if you have no computer access***

Sunday 18th

Video

<https://fccdl.in/RGvjyDrtU5>

Audio

Dial: 033 00 88 194519

Access Code: 353390#

Service Ref No: 827#

HOME GROUPS

Mondays: Each week at 7.45pm on Zoom

Thursdays: Each week at 7.45pm – 83 Stockwood Road (not 22nd)

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TODDLERS

Every Wednesday & Friday from 9.30-11.30am

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

Each week from 2.30-4pm

FRIDAY BREAKFAST

Taking place monthly from **7th October** onwards at 10am, Bluebell Gardens Café – all welcome

PRAYER ITEMS

Around the Fellowship:

Steve, Claire & Phoebe Nash, Clive & Hilary Newman, Becky Nichols & Alissa, Yvonne & Terry Nichols
Heather & Faye Parsons, Howard & Erzsi Penney & family, Giovanni & Linda Pitarella

Around the Neighbourhood:

Showering Road, Showering Close, Craydon Grove, Craydon Walk, Craydon Road, Pensford Court,
Cowling Road, Cowling Drive, Tibbott Road, Tibbott Walk