

Notices for October 2022

Stockwood Free Church

SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10.45am ON SFC PREMISES AND ON FCC

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

Our theme "Come, follow me" continues this month. We are exploring what this looked like to a wide variety of people in the New Testament and, more importantly, what it means for us today.

23 rd	Rich Young Ruler	Lance Mason	Matthew 19:16-30, Mark 10:17-31, Luke 18:18-30
30 th	"The Women"	Beth Stephens	Matthew 28:1-7, Mark 16:1-8, Luke 24:1-12, John 20:1-9

NEW THIS WEEK:

WAYCROFT SCHOOL VISIT

A huge thank you to Hilary & Clive Newman, Carol & Rebecca Mason and Giovanni for their part in making the visit of the whole of year 2 (not year 3 as I previously said!) last Thursday morning such a roaring success. It was a joy to see 60 children having such a good time and learning a bit more about our church

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

As usual we have a bit of a mixed bag this week:

Ginny Barnfield – She has had a horrible infection which has laid her low for the past 10 days, but she hopes to be back with us soon.

Jacqui Greenland – It was a joy this week to see her looking and sounding much better than she has in several months. When things improve a bit more, she'll be able to get out.

Geoff Jones – He is back with us after some very serious health issues. These haven't gone away, so please pray for him and Barbara.

Sylvia Langley – She has had another fall. Joanne is caring for her at home.

Rebecca Mason – Thank you for your prayers for her on Saturday. We think it was a "blip", but trust that God has His hand on her.

Valerie Matthews – She has been suffering from the after-effects of Covid for many weeks now. Please pray for her full recovery.

Pat Morse – She awaits the results of some important challenging tests done at the end of the week before last.

Pat & Gordon Richards – Please continue to pray for them as Pat struggles daily with pain.

OTHER/ONGOING ITEMS:

CHURCH CLEANING

I am thrilled by the response to help out with the new Tuesday afternoon and Thursday morning "welcome sessions". We need yet more help! Many of the current cleaning team are now in their 70s or even 80s and have been doing the job since they were quite young. We very badly need to give them the opportunity to step down from this role. It only takes a maximum of 2 hours every now and then - depending how many people are on the rota - and is very satisfying. If you are a younger member of the church, please would you

consider joining the team? If you could, please have a word with Yvonne Nichols. Thank you in eager anticipation [Lance]

PUMPKIN PARTY

Monday 31st from 4pm to 6pm for Reception to Year 6 (younger children will need to be accompanied by parent/carer). We 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

- Working with the community group, other local venues and the council to provide support this winter for those struggling with the cost of living
- Schools work – we have a wide variety of things planned in the coming months, including a morning visit by all the year 2 children at Waycroft
- Medical Centre – looking at how we might strengthen our links with this vital local facility

WHERE IS LANCE?

I 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 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 16th

Video

<https://fccdl.in/wXM69qqArU>

Audio

Dial: 033 00 88 194519

Access Code: 353390#

Service Ref No: 831#

HOME GROUPS

Mondays: Each week at 7.45pm on Zoom

Thursdays: Each week at 7.45pm – 83 Stockwood Road

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WORSHIP PLANNING GROUP

Wednesday 19th – This group specifically plans and reviews what happens in our Sunday services. If you have things for us to discuss, please let Lance or Clare Bidgood know.

PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday 26th at 4pm on SFC premises.

TODDLERS

Every Wednesday & Friday from 9.30-11.30am

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

Each week from 2.30-4pm

FRIDAY BREAKFAST

First Friday of each month at 10am, Bluebell Gardens Café – all welcome

PRAYER ITEMS

Around the Fellowship:

Jon & Sam Powell, Doreen Pugsley, Raja & Mighty Rathinam & family, Dave & Barbara Reeve & family, Dorothy Reinsch, Gordon & Pat Richards & family

Around the Neighbourhood:

Burfoote Road, Burfoote Gardens, Pomfrett Gardens, Bifield Road, Bifield Gardens, Bifield Close, Warren Gardens, Coape Road, Cantell Grove, Townsend Road, Townsend Close