

## Notices for December 2022

# Stockwood Free Church

### **SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10.45am ON SFC PREMISES AND ON FCC**

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

December sees us in the season of Advent as we watch and wait for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ

4 <sup>th</sup>	Lance Mason	We celebrate our 59 <sup>th</sup> church anniversary with Family Communion in the first half of the service
11 <sup>th</sup>	Neville Lintern	'God's Travelling People'
18 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am	Nativity led by our Younger People
	6.30pm	Carol Service
25 <sup>th</sup>	Ted Morse	A short Christmas Worship, starting at <b>10am</b>
Jan 1 <sup>st</sup>	Lance Mason	New Year Commissioning Service

### **NEW THIS WEEK:**

#### **MOLDOVA**

I have at last managed to speak to Andrei, our partner in Burlacu in the south of Moldova. He said that the recent power outages in Moldova, as a result of Russian bombing of Ukraine, actually affected the whole country for a couple of hours. We talked about all sorts of things, especially the way in which their president, Maia Sandu, is trying to steer the country away from their Soviet past, but she is encountering considerable opposition from those who would happily return to that past. He thanks all in the church for our support for him and sends his love and warmest greetings.

#### **TEAR FUND**

I found a voicemail on my phone from Tear Fund. They were also extremely grateful for our ongoing support for their work and most especially for our generous gift towards the Pakistan flood relief effort.

#### **ANNIVERSARY SOCIAL – FUN, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>** – We are hosting a very informal event for the whole family and any friends you may want to bring along. There will be games, activities and craft on offer from 3 to 6.30pm. This will be followed by a meal together. PLEASE bring along some cakes to share after the meal. Thank you.

#### **REVERSE ADVENT CALENDARS**

Beth Stephens is encouraging us all to collect items that we can put together to provide a family in need with a better Christmas than they would otherwise have. She has distributed a guideline sheet. The idea is that Lance is going to take them along to Christ the Servant for them to distribute. Failing that he will take them to the Children's Centre. At the moment, we haven't set a clear deadline for this so please watch out for an update once Lance has spoken to a few people. It will probably be Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December at the very latest!

#### **CHRISTMAS CARD DISTRIBUTION**

We hope to distribute a larger number of cards than usual around the community early in the week leading up to our open-air service on 17<sup>th</sup> December. If you can deliver some cards, then please volunteer ... we really need you this year!!

#### **CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARD**

For those who prefer to sign one big Christmas card for each other, rather than sending lots of individual cards to other church members, we shall make available that big card. We have made many appeals this year for many different causes, so feel free to donate any money you save to a charity of your own choice this year.

## CAROLS AT THE SHOPS

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>** at 11am

If you can possibly join us at the shops for this event, that would be great – the more of us there are, the bigger impression we make!

## CAROLS TO GO

Our roaming carol bus tours around Stockwood roads on three separate evenings (weather permitting):

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup>** 5-7pm

Harrington Road / The Coots / Warman Close / Stockwood Road

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>** 5-7pm

Ladman Road / Lacey Road / Derricke Road / Bifield Road / Stockwood Lane

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>** 5-7pm

Craydon Road / Whittock Road / Dutton Road / Sturminster Road area

## BOXING DAY

Join us at 10.15am for 10.30am at SFC for a gentle walk around Stockwood Open Space & Sturminster Road Followed by light lunch at church

## SNOW WHITE – 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

Stockwood Free Church is holding one of its infrequent pantomimes. The cast, under the expert direction of Gemma Bidgood, are already working very hard. It will be a lot of fun all round. We will hold an evening performance on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> and an afternoon matinee performance on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

## HOLIDAY CLUB

We will be holding a Holiday Club on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February** (9am to 3.30pm) for children aged 5-11. If you can help on either or both days, please tell Pauline, Clare or Hilary. No experience necessary!

## OTHER/ONGOING ITEMS:

### LANCE'S LABOURS

Perhaps it won't come as much of a surprise that I will be focusing on preparing events for Christmas, the vast majority of which will for example in local schools or out in the community.

### WHERE IS LANCE?

Lance and Carol will be around all month as usual. By way of a reminder for those who don't know, you can always contact him on:

e-mail: [lance.c.mason@gmail.com](mailto:lance.c.mason@gmail.com)

Landline: 01275 892093

Mobile: 07306 541959

### PLEASE NOTE

Unless there are particularly urgent items that need to be circulated, do not expect a weekly bulletin throughout December. We will publish our next bulletin soon after the New Year.

## 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 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Video**

<https://fccdl.in/oGJVqLjVon>

**Audio**

Dial: 033 00 88 194519

Access Code: 353390#

Service Ref No: 838#

## **HOME GROUPS**

Mondays: Each week at 7.45pm on Zoom

Thursdays: Each week at 7.45pm – 83 Stockwood Road

Thursdays: Each week at 7.45pm on Zoom (8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> only)

## **PRAYER WALK**

Meet outside the Church on **11<sup>th</sup> December** at 4pm to walk around this month's prayer area.

## **LEADERS MEETING**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup>** – if required

## **INTERCESSORY PRAYER MEETING**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>** at 4pm

## **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:**

Jenny, Jude & Jana Stoltz, Gemma, Greg & Rhoda Thomas, Connie Tipping, Mark & Roz Wakefield & family, Colin & Linda White & family, Ken & Joyce Wooster

### **Around the Neighbourhood:**

Bagnell Road, Bagnell Close, Ladman Road, Ladman Grove, Chestnut Close, Pynne Road, Pynne Close, Cottle Road, Cottle Gardens