

Notices for March 2023

Stockwood Free Church

HSUNDAY SERVICES AT 10.45am ON SFC PREMISES AND ON FCC

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This month we continue our fascinating series looking at Paul's Ephesian letter.

5 th	Lance Mason	Love in Action	Eph 4: 17-5:2 (includes Communion)
12 th	Neville Lintern	Living in the Light	Eph 5: 3-20
19 th	Lance Mason	Homes & Families	Eph 5: 21-6:9 (Mothering Sunday)
26 th	Ted Morse	God's Protection	Eph 6: 10-24

NEW THIS MONTH

BREAKFAST – SATURDAY 4th

Yes, it is this coming Saturday! Come along at 9am for breakfast and then to hear about the work of a local homeless charity, Helping Homeless Believe.

BIBLE MEDITATION – SATURDAY 11th

By popular demand (!) I am reintroducing at 8am our regular Bible meditation. It seems to work well online, so let me know if you want the Zoom link.

CHURCH AGM – THURSDAY 16th

This is a super occasion to hear about what has been happening over the last year and some hopes for the future. Whether or not you are formally a church member you are very welcome to join us.

As part of the AGM, we will also be voting for potential church leaders (and only church members can be involved in this part). Standing this year are:

Elder: Ed Lawrance
Deacon: Yvonne Nichols, Linda Pitarella, Linda White

As a reminder, Deacons very much focus on the day-to-day running of the church, often dealing with issues (eg finance, buildings, furniture, events) that would come up in any secular organisation.

Elders have a responsibility for the deeper challenges to and opportunities for the church and, in particular, for personally supporting the minister with complex often confidential issues.

Please take some time to pray about these elections. We want to hear God's heart for the make-up of our leadership team.

EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

Most of you will know that we have advanced £500 from church funds (plus more from other groups) towards the earthquake appeal. If you want to contribute towards the appeal by cash /cheque / bank transfer, please write on the envelope / comment on the transfer: "Earthquake Appeal".

CLOCKS GO FORWARD

An early reminder that, in the wee hours of **Sunday 26th March**, the clocks will go forward by one hour.

CHRISTIAN CARAVANNERS AND CAMPING FELLOWSHIP

In time-honoured fashion many of the (hardier???) church families will be heading off for a week's camping during the Whitsun half-term holiday, this year outside Stratford-upon-Avon. If you are interested in knowing more, please talk to Lance or Carol or anyone else you know who goes.

ONGOING & REGULAR ITEMS

LANCE'S LABOURS

I will be spending some time planning for Easter but also appear to have a lot of meetings with various local and Bristol-wide agencies coming up.

WHERE IS LANCE?

The Masons are actually going to take a few days off in Appledore, so will not be around from Monday 20th to Thursday 23rd March.

HOME GROUPS

Mondays: Each week at 7.45pm on Zoom

Thursdays: Each week at 7.45pm – 83 Stockwood Road (not 16th)

Thursdays: Each week at 7.45pm on Zoom (23rd only)

INTERCESSORY PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday 8th at 4pm

BIBLE MEDITATION

Saturday 11th at 8am

PRAYER WALK

Meet at Dave & Barbara's home, 11 Maple Close, on **Sunday 26th** at 4pm to walk around this month's prayer area.

WORSHIP PLANNING MEETING

Monday 27th at 8pm

TODDLERS

Every Wednesday & Friday from 9am-11.30am

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

Each week from 2.30-4pm.

PRAYER ITEMS

Around the Fellowship:

Ryan & Leticia Collins, Christine Clothier, Alan & Christine Cowley, Bernard & Christine Crabbe, Abi & Tommy Dyer, Barbara Dore, Jill Duffy

Around the Neighbourhood:

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

DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH'S NOTICES - 26th March