

## Notices for November 2023

# Stockwood Free Church

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

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

November sees the conclusion of our series looking at Paul's letter "2 Corinthians". By way of a reminder, we are focusing on themes rather than working through chapter by chapter. The plan is:

5 <sup>th</sup>	Lance	Generosity (also Communion)
12 <sup>th</sup>	Lance	Suffering (also Remembrance Sunday)
19 <sup>th</sup>	Ed	Repentance and Reconciliation
26 <sup>th</sup>	Martin	Conclusion of series: Hope

### **NEW THIS MONTH**

#### **BMS HARVEST APPEAL**

A huge thank you to everyone for your generosity in contributing towards this year's appeal. By the time they have reclaimed some gift aid, BMS should benefit by the grand sum of £466.82 from us!

#### **CHURCH BREAKFAST AIR AMBULANCE APPEAL**

Thank you again for your great generosity. We collected a total of £280 for the Air Ambulance service.

#### **JACKIE IS 80!**

Jackie Greenland turns 80 on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November**. She would love as many of us as can to pop round to see her that day. We are not going to publish her address here but, if you want to know where she lives, please ask Lance or Linda Pitarella.

#### **CARE FOR THE FAMILY – REFLECTIONS ON THE JOURNEY**

If you would like to come to an evening with Rob Parsons at E5 Church in Bristol on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>** please talk to Lance or Carol.

#### **SINGING GROUP**

Several years ago, we had a singing group. I thought it would be nice to try and do something again starting with the church anniversary weekend. I am going to have a singing practice on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>** at 7.45pm for anyone who used to sing with us and anyone who would like to come and join. It won't be difficult and will involve either singing to a backing track or guitars. Please come and see me if you would like any extra information [Clare].

#### **CHURCH KEYS**

Just a reminder that, if you have any church keys you no longer need, please give them to Yvonne Nichols.

#### **GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)**

Please can I (Hilary) remind any of you who send out email messages to groups of people within the church, to put the names/email addresses of the intended recipients into the **Bcc box only**. If you put the group email addresses into the 'To' box, everyone can see the other people's email addresses and if they haven't consented to this, it is a breach of Data Protection. This could lead to a hefty fine if reported!

## **ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND**

Advance notice! The first weekend in December we will celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary....

### **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

*We are holding a family-friendly food and entertainment event. Roughly speaking the programme will be:*

*4pm Indoor mini-Olympics.*

*5pm Bring-and-share tea – please let Carol Mason know what you are bringing, and she will coordinate the food.*

*6pm Home-grown concert – please let Clare Bidgood know what you can contribute, and she will coordinate the entertainment.*

### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*Our Regional Minister, Gary Woodall, who has given us much support in the background through the years, will preach on this occasion. Afterwards we will enjoy another wonderful fellowship meal.*

## **EVENTS**

Another reminder that, when you are organising an event in the Main Church, please ask Lance if you want any heating put on in advance for you.

## **JOB VACANCIES**

I (Lance) am frequently sent details of jobs. Rather than clogging up your inbox with unnecessary e-mails, please let me know if you would like to have job vacancies routinely circulated to you.

## **DATA**

Likewise, I (Lance) have been sent some fascinating data (a lot from the 2021 census) that contrasts Stockwood with other areas of Bristol and nationally. Please let me know if you would like me to forward them to you.

## **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN STOCKWOOD**

Many of us will know that there has been a real upsurge in the past few months. Please pray about this situation as the Lord leads. If you have particular concerns, please let me know and I will pass them on to our councilors. But most importantly, please pray.

## **AMY DUFFY IS GETTING MARRIED!**

Many of you will remember Amy. She is getting married this Friday up in the Cotswolds! Wonderful news.

## **ONGOING & REGULAR ITEMS**

### **LANCE'S LABOURS**

I am doing a lot of thinking, talking and praying about our medium to longer term future! Many of our activities are growing – Praise the Lord! – but this has implications for how we organise ourselves effectively and still look after one another and newcomers too. Please pray for clear direction for me.

### **WHERE IS LANCE?**

Lance and Carol are around all month.

### **HOME GROUPS**

Mondays: Each week at 7.45pm on Zoom

Thursdays: Each week at 7.45pm – 83 Stockwood Road

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**BIBLE MEDITATION**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>** at 8am on Zoom (ask Lance for a link)

**ADVENTURERS LEADERS MEETING**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup>** at 7.30pm

**LEADERS' MEETING**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup>** at 7.45pm

**PRAYER WALK**

Meet at Lance & Carol's home, 7 Cogsall Road on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>** at 4pm to walk around this month's prayer area.

**PRAYER MEETING**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 4pm

**MEMBERS MEETING**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 7.45pm

**WORSHIP PLANNING MEETING**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup>** at 8pm

**TODDLERS**

Every Wednesday & Friday from 9am-11.30am

**WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP**

Each week from 2.30-4pm

**PUPPETS**

Alternate Wednesdays at 7pm (speak to Emily Stephens for more details/dates)

**PRAYER ITEMS SEPTEMBER****Around the Fellowship:**

Dorothy Reinsch, Gordon & Pat Richards & Glyn, Stephen & Patience Sadiku & family, Peter Sharpe, Monica Shepherd, Peter & Pat Slee & family, Travis & Donna Speedie & family

**Around the Neighbourhood:**

Lacey Road, Cogsall Road, Linden Close, Thompson Road, Cornish Road, Cornish Walk, Derricke Road, Swane Road, Matthews Close