

## Notices for January 2024

# Stockwood Free Church

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

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

In January we shall explore the person and work of the Holy Spirit but, as usual, in our first service we will recommission ourselves to our Kingdom work.

7 <sup>th</sup>	Lance	Commissioning; Communion; our "three-in-one" God
14 <sup>th</sup>	Martin	The Fruit of the Spirit
21 <sup>st</sup>	Lance	The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament
28 <sup>th</sup>	Beth	The Holy Spirit as Advocate and Counsellor (TBC)

We may well continue our exploration of the Holy Spirit into February; we'll see how January goes first.

## **NEW THIS MONTH**

### **CHRISTMAS 2023**

Thank you to everyone for the enormous amount of hard work that you put in preparing for and supporting our many events over the Christmas period – too many people and too many events to mention you and them all individually. Please pray that seeds sown will prove to have fallen on good ground [Lance]

### **NEW YEAR 2024**

Wishing and praying for you all to have a Jesus-joy-filled New Year. How we all need to lean on Him as we face the many challenges of the future year.

<sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understanding;

<sup>6</sup> in all your ways submit to him,  
and he will make your paths straight.

These verses from Proverbs Chapter 3, seem so very relevant today [Lance]

### **MESSY CHURCH**

Given the success of Messy Church events so far, we have decided to carry on this year. We meet straight after school on the third Tuesday of each month. Please pray for all who come to Messy Church that each of us will encounter Jesus in a meaningful way.

### **PRAYER FOR CHILDREN**

Twice a year we meet to pray for our children and grandchildren. These occasions have proved in the past to be very significant events. Please join us on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>** anytime between 9.30am and 11.00am. Feel free to pop in at any point and stay as long as you want.

### **HOLIDAY CLUB**

We plan to hold a club for 5–11 year-olds during half term **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February**, 9am to 3.30pm. We urgently need to know who will be available to run this. If you are free to help on these dates, or on one of them, or would like more information, please speak to Pauline Bingham as soon as possible. If your child(ren) would like to come, please tell Clare, so that they can be registered.

## **LEADERSHIP ELECTIONS - MARCH**

Please pray. And please chat to Lance, Roger or Ed if you are thinking of nominating someone as a Deacon or an Elder. And please do this sooner rather than later; it always works better if we don't try to hurry it all at the last minute! We'll give further guidance in Sunday notices and at the Members' meeting in January. Also please note that the posts of both Secretary and Treasurer will need to be filled soon after the Leaders' elections in March.

## **DEVELOPMENT OF PREMISES**

Beside the door into the side hallway there are some possible plans for refurbishment of the toilets. Please have a look and make your comments to Hilary. We would like to agree the basic plan at the January Members' meeting. However, we also have a significant leak from the roof above the hallway and it is crucial that we sort this one out very urgently. Just be aware that the combination of these two developments won't come cheap!

## **CONTACTING LANCE**

If you want to get in touch with Lance directly, please note:

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## **ONGOING & REGULAR ITEMS**

### **LANCES LABOURS**

Never a dull moment, but I am going to try this month to focus on seeking the Lord over our future.

### **WHERE IS LANCE?**

Lance and Carol will be away for a few days at the start of January, recharging their batteries, but are then around for the rest of the month.

### **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 (details from Pauline Bingham)

### **PRAYER MEETING**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>** at 4pm

### **BIBLE MEDITATION**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>** at 8am on Zoom (ask Lance for a link)

### **LEADERS MEETING**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup>** at 7.45pm

### **MESSY CHURCH**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>** at 4pm

### **MEMBERS MEETING**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>** at 7.45pm

### **PRAYER WALK**

Meet at David & Barbara's home, 11 Maple Close, on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>** at 4pm to walk around this month's prayer area

## **TODDLERS**

Every Wednesday & Friday from 9am-11.30am

## **WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP**

Each week from 2.30-4pm – restarting on the 10<sup>th</sup> (please note we will have a break on 14<sup>th</sup> February)

## **PUPPETS**

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

## **PRAYER ITEMS DECEMBER**

### **Around the Fellowship:**

Rob & Clare Bidgood & family, Gemma & Lucy Bidgood, Roger & Pauline Bingham, Beryl Bond, Steve, Jacqui & Shamus Birch, Angela Blake & family

### **Around the Neighbourhood:**

Harrington Road, Harrington Walk, Harrington Avenue, Harrington Grove, Atkins Close, The Coots, Burnbush Close, Ashwell Grove, Archer Walk, Sideland Close, Scout Hut, The Harvesters