

Notices for March 2024

Stockwood Free Church

HSUNDAY SERVICES AT 10.45am ON SFC PREMISES AND ON FCC

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In mid-March, before the Easter period, our current series on the Holy Spirit will come to an end. Our speakers are:

10 th March	Lance	Gifts of the Holy Spirit (Youth Church leading first half)
17 th March	Richard Law	
24 th March	Clare and Travis	Palm Sunday
31 st March		
08.00	Carol Mason	Early Communion
10.45	Lance	Easter Celebration

NEW THIS MONTH

EASTER

At the end of the month, it is Easter. Our events include:

29th March – Good Friday – Join us at **9am** at church for breakfast. Then from **10am**, we will walk around the area, stopping at Chestnut, Linden and Maple. At about **11.15am** we will meet for an open-air service at the shops which will include our puppets. As usual the more of us there are the greater the impact. In the afternoon we will do something (!), but we haven't yet made a final decision. It will give us the opportunity to focus on the impact of the Cross.

30th March – **8am** – Do join us for our monthly on-line Bible meditation which will have an Easter flavour. We will spend an hour allowing God to speak to us on a passage from His word. Lance can send you the Zoom link.

31st March – Easter Day – Come along at **8am** to our ever-popular early Communion service, led this year by Carol Mason.

Our main morning service will take place at **10.45am** as usual. Lance is leading our celebration of Jesus' Resurrection and will be helped again by the puppets.

There are many other things going on particularly in the local schools; we would love you to pray that the message of God's love will be widely heard.

CHURCH AGM – THURSDAY 21st

This is a great 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 for the role of Deacon are:

Clare Bidgood
David Reeve
Travis Speedie
Martin Stephens

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.

AGM REPORTS

If you are the leader of a group and normally submit a presentation for the AGM, please can you start to think about this sooner rather than later and send them to Sam via the secretary email:

(secretary.sfchurch@gmail.com).

CHURCH SPRING CLEAN – SATURDAY 9th

Please come along from **9am** onwards to help us clear up the premises and get rid of some stuff. A light lunch of bread and soup will be provided!

BREAKFAST MEETING – SATURDAY 16th

Join us at **9am** for breakfast followed by a talk by Jenni Candida, who will be speaking about missionary work in Peru

HOLIDAY CLUB

A huge thank you to the team that worked so very hard before, during and after our annual holiday club. There were over 30 church folk there at one stage. It was a huge success, with over 50 children hearing about Jesus on each of the two days.

CHURCH CONTACTS LIST

These are now ready for you to collect. We are asking you to check them out simply so that we can keep track of anyone who might get missed out. Please ask Sam Powell / Rebecca Mason for your copy.

SUMMER TIME

Please note that the clocks go **forward** an hour on Easter Sunday, ie 31st March.

ONGOING & REGULAR ITEMS

LANCES LABOURS

As you might guess I shall spend a lot of my time planning for Easter... and a little beyond too.

WHERE IS LANCE?

Carol and Lance are around all this 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)

LEADERS MEETING

Monday 11th at 7.45pm

PRAYER WALK

Meet at David & Barbara's home, 11 Maple Close, on **TUESDAY 12th** at 4pm to walk around this month's prayer area.

PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday 13th at 4pm

MESSY CHURCH

Tuesday 19th at 4pm

MEMBERS' MEETING (AGM)

Thursday 21st at 7.45pm

MONTHLY BIBLE MEDITATION

Saturday 30th at 8am

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 THIS MONTH**Around the Fellowship:**

Martyn, Elaine & Luke Clements, Paul & Terri Clements & family, Christine Clothier, Alan & Christine Cowley, Bernard & Christine Crabbe, Juppas Cushnie & Rhylie-Ann, Abi, Tommy & Freya Dyer

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