

Notices for May 2025

Stockwood Free Church

SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10.45am ON SFC PREMISES AND ON FCC

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

4 th	Lance	"Why do bad things happen to good people?" – looking at the challenges posed by suffering (plus Communion)
11 th	Lance	"Don't all religions worship the same God?" – exploring the uniqueness of the Christian faith
18 th	Martin	Free Choice
25 th	Ed	Free Choice
June 1 st	Jimmy	Free Choice (plus Communion)

NEW THIS MONTH

SPRING CLEAN

Saturday 17th from 10am. There is a list of jobs on the notice board – please select what you would like to do. Speak to Yvonne if you want any more details.

FORTHCOMING SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

22 nd May	Lance with Waycroft KS2
5 th June	"Open the Book" – Waycroft KS1 & Woodlands whole school

GIFT AIDING

Firstly, on behalf of the church, we would like to thank all those people who allow us to claim gift-aid on their giving to us. It contributes a significant amount to the church's income. At the end of a tax year, if you pay income tax, you will be sent a P60. The church can claim back from HMRC the tax you have paid on income that was donated to us, up to the amount of income you were taxed on, ie: NOT including your personal allowance. If your donations are MORE than your taxable income, we can still claim a percentage back, but we need to know how much tax you have paid. Please don't be put off gift-aiding altogether. If you think this applies to you, or if you are unsure, please contact Roger Jones or Hilary Newman. Any information you share with us will be kept totally confidential. If your circumstances change in the coming year, for example if you will no longer be paying any income tax at all, then you need to let one of us know that too. If you don't currently gift-aid, but would like to, we can help you with that- all we need is your name, address, a tick in a box and a signature on a form [Roger and Hilary].

LOOKING AHEAD

ANNUAL CHURCH OUTING

No surprise, we are going to Weymouth! The coach is booked for **Saturday 5th July**; we will be collecting names very soon!

ONGOING & REGULAR ITEMS

LANCE'S LABOURS

To be perfectly honest I am looking at our Church priorities. There are many opportunities offered to us, but I am praying to discern God's will for us all.

WHERE IS LANCE?

Lance and Carol will be away from Friday 23rd to Saturday 31st May.

HOME GROUPS

Mondays: Each week at 7.45pm at the home of Trish & Mike Caswell – 16 Warman Close

Thursdays: Each week at 7.45pm – 83 Stockwood Road

Thursdays: Each week at 7.45pm on Zoom (details from Pauline Bingham)

LEADERS' MEETING

Monday 12th at 7.45pm

PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday 14th at 4pm

MONTHLY BIBLE MEDITATION

Saturday 17th at 8am on Zoom (ask Lance for a link)

MESSY CHURCH

Tuesday 20th at 4pm

MEMBERS' MEETING

Thursday 22nd at 7.45pm

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 FOR THIS MONTH

Around the Fellowship:

Angeline Hawkins & family, Andrew & Tina Hounsom, Denise Jeffery, Geoff & Barbara Jones, Roger Jones, Pauline Kelly, Sylvia & Joanne Langley

Around the Neighbourhood:

Robin Close, Sturminster Close and the shops between these, Lanesborough Rise, Roundmoor Gardens, Amercombe Walk, Hencliffe Road, Morden Walk, Fontmell Court, Longreach Grove, Sturminster Road between these roads, Sturminster Community Centre