

Notices for October 2025

Stockwood Free Church

SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10.45am ON SFC PREMISES AND ON FCC

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During October we will continue our series studying Mark's fast-moving and punchy gospel, the first of the four to be written.

5 th	Ed	Mark 2:1-17 and 3:1-6. Why did Jesus heal people? <i>We focus so often on why God doesn't always heal, but do we understand why <u>does</u> He heal some people?</i> [Communion this morning]
12 th	Jimmy	Mark 3:7-34. Different reactions to Jesus. <i>Jesus always provokes a reaction one way or another. We can <u>never</u> be indifferent to Jesus.</i>
19 th	Travis	Mark 4:1-34. Jesus explains the Kingdom of God. <i>We did a whole series on the Kingdom of God, but it is worth reminding ourselves that Jesus' stated aim was to usher in the Kingdom.</i>
26 th	Lance	Mark 5:1-20. The heat of the spiritual battle. <i>Jesus never promised that Christianity would be a "bed of roses"... or perhaps He did!</i>

NEW THIS MONTH

SARAH CHALMERS' FUNERAL

Tuesday 7th. Service at South Bristol Crematorium at 11.15am and back at the church for a memorial and thanksgiving at 1pm, followed by tea.

OPEN THE BOOK

Thursday 9th. Please pray for the team as they go into two local primary schools to present another story from the Bible.

CARE FOR THE FAMILY

Thursday 23rd at 7.30pm in Bristol. "Going the Distance"... for a vibrant and lasting marriage.

Sunday 26th November 7.30pm in Bath. "Twens and Teens" is a live event designed to offer hope and help for parents through the turbulence of those tween years and beyond.

Go to the website for more details of either event or ask Lance and Carol.

CLOCKS GO BACK

Please remember to put your clocks back one hour in the wee hours of **Sunday 26th**. Remember that we get an extra hour in bed!

RESPONSE TO HALLOWE'EN

Holding "light parties" hasn't proved a great success over the past few years and so instead we will have available some super boxes with wholesome material for you to give to any callers that night.

WEBSITE

We are still exploring how best to redesign and update our current website. If you can help, please have a word with Clare or Ed.

MENTORING AND REHABILITATING EX-PRISONERS

There is lots of evidence that good initiatives make a significant difference to the lives of ex-prisoners. If you are interested to know a bit more or want to become involved, please talk to Lance and he will fill you in on a couple of upcoming events.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

The Church is growing and very busy. We need to hear from everyone to make sure that we are shaping our future in a way that honours our Lord and blesses the fellowship. If you are thinking about church membership, please talk to Lance, Roger, Ed or any of the Deacons.

ONGOING & REGULAR ITEMS

LANCE'S LABOURS

Some new opportunities are opening up for us on the Sturminster area. I am treading very carefully before I get too excited!

WHERE IS LANCE?

We won't be at Church on **Sunday 5th** as we are attending the Christening of Gemma's and Greg's daughter. (Gemma is Heather Parson's daughter.)

Also, Lance and Carol are taking a short break in the West Midlands from **Tuesday 14th to Monday 20th**

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 13th at 7.45pm

MESSY CHURCH

Tuesday 21st at 4pm

MONTHLY BIBLE MEDITATION

Saturday 25th at 8am on Zoom (ask Lance for a link)

PRAYER WALK

Meet at Roger & Pauline's home, 60 Bifield Road on **Sunday 26th** at **4.30pm** to walk around this month's prayer area.

PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday 29th at 4pm

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 SEPTEMBER

Around the Fellowship:

Jon & Sam Powell & family, Doreen Pugsley, Raja & Mighty Rathinam & family, Dave & Barbara Reeve & family, Gordon & Pat Richards & Glyn Ruth Richards & family

Around the Neighbourhood:

Burfoote Road, Burfoote Gardens, Pomfrett Gardens, Bifield Road, Bifield Gardens, Bifield Close, Warren Gardens, Coape Road, Cantell Grove, Townsend Road, Townsend Close