

Notices for January 2026

## Stockwood Free Church

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

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

Welcome to 2026! Wishing you all a Happy and Jesus-filled New Year. You will remember that we started to look together at Mark's gospel in the autumn and we will continue this later in the month. Do remember that this year we are not having a Commissioning service until after the AGM in March.

4 <sup>th</sup>	Lance	New Year Service (includes Communion)
11 <sup>th</sup>	Travis	Mark 7: 24 – 37 - Stepping outside the comfort zone
18 <sup>th</sup>	Lance	Mark 8: 1 – 26 - Signs, wonders and understanding
25 <sup>th</sup>	Jimmy	Mark 8: 27 – 9:1 - Life and death issues

### **NEW THIS MONTH**

#### **PRAYER FOR OUR CHILDREN (AND GRANDCHILDREN)**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> from 9.30am to 11.00am**

Do join us for our increasingly popular twice-yearly meeting as we pray for our children, grandchildren, God children, foster children, etc. This is a very informal meeting designed to include all of us. You don't have to stay for the whole time; feel free to pop in and out.

#### **WORK IN LOCAL SCHOOLS**

This month the Open the Book team are in Waycroft (KS1) and Woodlands (whole school) on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>** and Lance is leading another assembly in Waycroft (KS2) the following Thursday. Please, if you are able, pray for us – we take these opportunities very seriously and want to bless our local schools.

#### **REPORT FROM BURLACU**

We thought that you might all like to see the latest report received from Andrei in Moldova. You will find it attached to this mailing. We are still collecting for Marius; his brother Ghenadie has confirmed with Lance that there is a real need for further financial support.

#### **THANK YOU**

I have separately compiled a long list of all the many events that we held in December, both on and off the premises. There really was something for everyone. Thank you all for your hard work, but may I especially thank the unsung "behind-the-scene" work that so rarely gets a mention:

1. Production and delivery of church Christmas cards
2. Putting up (and taking down) the Christmas tree and decorations
3. Putting up wall decorations, flowers and banners
4. Music group and band, working twice as hard as usual!
5. Tech support, both audio and visual, for many complicated events
6. Vast quantities of catering, tea-making and washing up
7. Moving tables and chairs around the building
8. Cleaning in the midst of some very heavy use of the premises
9. Design and production of church calendars
10. Prayer support underpinning it all

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

### **DEEP SEA DIVERS HOLIDAY CLUB**

**18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026:** for children 5-11, registration information available from Clare.

Many thanks to those who have committed themselves to lead/help, but we still need additional help, especially to cover lunch-time and to man the Quiet Room.

Practical Request: We need at least 40 two litre drinks bottles please? (Empty, clean and dry, with caps).

## **ONGOING & REGULAR ITEMS**

### **LANCE'S LABOURS**

If I am honest, the thing that I most need to do is simply to start to give some serious thought and prayer to the next few years... both for Carol and me, and for the Church as a whole. Let's see what God has on his heart for us.

### **WHERE IS LANCE?**

Unsurprisingly, Carol and I could do with a bit of a break. We are going to take some time off from the afternoon of Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> – after the morning service! – and will be back in circulation sometime on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>. I think that we'll be around for the rest of the month.

### **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 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.45pm**

### **WORSHIP PLANNING MEETING**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.45pm**

### **PRAYER WALK**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.** Meet at Dave & Barbara's home, 11 Maple Close, to walk around this month's prayer area.

### **MESSY CHURCH (any help is gladly accepted)**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> at 4pm**

### **MEMBERS' MEETING**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7.45pm**

### **PRAYER MEETING**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> at 4pm**

### **MONTHLY BIBLE MEDITATION**

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> at 10am** on Zoom (ask Lance for a link)

## **TODDLERS**

Every Wednesday & Friday from 9am-11.30am

## **WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP**

Each week from 2.30-4pm (7<sup>th</sup> onwards)

## **PUPPETS**

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

## **PRAYER ITEMS FOR DECEMBER**

### **Around the Fellowship:**

Kanika and Jaxson Akinshegun, Rob & Clare Bidgood & family, Gemma & Lucy Bidgood, Roger & Pauline Bingham, Beryl & Mike Bond, Steve, Jacqui & Shamus Birch, Angela Blake & family, Ana & Spenser Bonham, Cheryl & David Boston

### **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