

Notices for February 2026

Stockwood Free Church

SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10.45am ON SFC PREMISES AND ON FCC

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

Apart from one Sunday, the 15th, we will be continuing to study and learn from Mark's gospel this month.

1 st	Lance	Mark 9:2-29	What goes up... (includes Communion)
8 th	Lance	Mark 9:30-10:12	Some hard lessons
15 th	Leticia Curtis		
22 nd	Beth	Mark 10:13-31	Who is welcome in God's Kingdom? (exact title to be confirmed)

And, just a reminder, if you would like to be on the Reading Rota, please let Mandy Stephens know as she is currently doing a refresh of the list.

NEW THIS MONTH

DEEP SEA DIVERS HOLIDAY CLUB

18th & 19th for children 5-11. We are fully booked with 49 children. We still need additional help on the Thursday please.

Please continue to save two litre drinks bottles (empty, clean and dry, with caps). Also, smaller bottles with wide necks (and lids).

AGM – THURSDAY 26th MARCH

Please note the change of date. And try to come if you possibly can. Everyone is most welcome to join us to celebrate all that God has been doing in and through the Church in the past year and to pray about the future. Note that only members are allowed to vote on the few items that need decisions.

LEADERS' ELECTIONS (the same evening)

We may have up to 9 Deacons (although we do not need to fill all the spaces). We have 5 Deacons who will be continuing their terms of office. 2 deacons – Linda Pitarella and Yvonne Nichols – may be re-elected. Linda White has to step down and so we will have 2 more vacancies. Members, please pray about who you might approach with a view to nominating them and sound out others in the church. Don't leave it to the last minute as this is such an important issue. There is a list of current members - all of whom are eligible as they have been members for over a year - on the noticeboard at the back of the church.

Also, Roger Bingham, one of our current Elders, has reached the end of his current term as an elder and may also be re-elected to this role.

LET'S MEET!

Our main gatherings on Sundays don't really allow for us to get to know one another too well. Please note that there are lots of regular opportunities for us to meet to support and encourage each other, study the Bible and pray together other than just on Sunday mornings. Some are during the day, some in the evenings and some at weekends. Some are face-to-face, others are on-line. Why not look a bit more closely at the bulletin this month? And join up!

UGANDA, HERE SHE COMES!

One of our younger folk – **Lilly Cox** – is off to Uganda with a small team from St Mary Redcliffe School at half-term. You may want to support and encourage her by donating towards the project she will be involved in. Here is the link: <https://gofund.me/4fd56758a>

REBECCA MASON

Rebecca has moved to 12 Meardon Road... but has not taken all her stuff yet!

CHRISTIAN CONCERN EVENT – SATURDAY 28th

Christian Concern have provided legal support for many Christians in the workplace who have found themselves in court as a result of their faith. They are holding an all-day event in Bristol at the end of the month. You can find out more details here: [Awake, Arise! Bristol - Christian Concern](#)

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS 2025

As promised, we are giving the proceeds of the collections that we took at our Christmas services to a couple of Bristol-based homeless works. Half will go towards the group that Angeline supports, "Helping Homeless Believe". We have already given the other half towards a group that is based in Stockwood - Homeless Meal Service Bristol. They call the homeless their friends. They give their friends a lovely hot meal, pies, puddings and snacks and sundries where needed. They say *"Thank you so much for thinking of us for this wonderful donation. It will be greatly appreciated by all, thank you. And thank you to everyone who gave at your carol service at Christmas. It will certainly help our friends each week to enjoy their hot drinks in this cold weather"*.

PANTO COLLECTIONS 2024

On a similar note, many will remember that we gave the proceeds from our Panto in 2024 to Waycroft and Woodlands Primary Schools to enable them to support children who might benefit from some financial help. I had this message from the Family Link Worker at Waycroft just before Christmas.

We used the money to pay for some of the children to attend Grassroots holiday club. This is children that are not necessarily pupil premium [Ed: disadvantaged], but ones that parents just miss out on being able to claim any benefits but really struggle financially and have childcare issues during the holidays.

We also used it for one child to attend afterschool club once a week for 2 terms, this was to support the pupil's mental health and wellbeing and social skills.

We so appreciated the money, please pass on our gratitude to everyone.

LOOKING AHEAD

BELIEVER'S BAPTISM

On **1st March** we will have the privilege and joy of baptising David Boston. Do put this date in your diary, pray for David and come along if you possibly can. More details will follow nearer the time.

SATURDAY BREAKFAST

Saturday 14th March – Michelle Martin will be joining us to speak about her journey into ministry.

ONGOING & REGULAR ITEMS

LANCE'S LABOURS

There are two things that are quite significant right now. First, I have an increasing sense that God is calling us to work with Him to build His Kingdom in the Sturminster area where there is so much need. Secondly, and the two issues are related, there is the whole issue of the next stage of the church's journey with God. This means lots of talking, even more listening and way more praying and seeking the Lord. We haven't got all the answers yet!

WHERE IS LANCE?

Currently Lance and Carol are intending to be around all 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 9th at 7.45pm

MONTHLY BIBLE MEDITATION

Saturday 14th at 10am on Zoom (ask Lance for a link)

PRAYER WALK

Sunday 22nd 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)

No meeting this month

PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday 25th 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 FEBRUARY

Around the Fellowship:

Janis Billerts, Kris & Maxine Brunt & family, Richard & Alison Carson & family, Mike & Trish Caswell & family, June Clapp, David & Jane Clay, Martyn, Elaine & Luke Clements

Around the Neighbourhood:

Stockwood Road, Shops & Library, Puxley Close, Beale Close, Meardon Road, Marne Close, Gillebank Close, Binley Grove, Maple Close, Christ the Servant Church