

Notices for March 2026

## Stockwood Free Church

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

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

This month we have a wide variety of different themes for our services, and we will bring our exploration of Mark's gospel to a conclusion.

1 <sup>st</sup>	Lance	David Boston's baptism (see details below)
8 <sup>th</sup>	Lance	"Who's in charge here?" Extracts from Mark Chapters 11 & 12 (including Communion postponed from last week)
15 <sup>th</sup>	Youth	Our Youth Church is leading us this Mothering Sunday – don't miss it!
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ed	"Watch out!" – a look at the "end times" based on Mark Chapter 13
29 <sup>th</sup>	Lance	Palm Sunday (Mark Chapter 11: 1 - 11) (including our annual Commissioning Service postponed from New Year)

David's baptism will be a real blessing for us all. Please remember that you are all very welcome to stay on afterwards for a bring-and-share lunch.

### **NEW THIS MONTH**

#### **SATURDAY BREAKFAST**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>** – Michelle Butcher (Karen & Bruce Martin's daughter) will be joining us from Minehead, to speak about her journey into ministry.

#### **AGM**

##### **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>**

Please 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 must 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 – **nomination forms** must be with Clare no later than **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March**.

If you are a group leader, please let Clare have your presentation at least week prior to the meeting, so she has time to set up the computer – thank you.

#### **CLOCKS JUMP FORWARD**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>** – you might want to make a note in your diary!

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

### **EASTER ARRANGEMENTS**

Just to give you an outline of what is planned so far:

#### **Good Friday**

We will lay on a fairly simple breakfast at 9am, followed by a short service at about 9.30am and a “walk of witness” starting at about 10am, finishing at the shops at about 11am for a final short stop. In the afternoon we will host our usual quiet time for about an hour or so.

#### **Easter Saturday**

We are thinking of organising a drop-in informal event as we did last year, but nothing is planned so far!

#### **Easter Sunday**

We will begin the day with a Communion service at 8am and our main celebration will be at 10.45am as usual. The afternoon is a blank page at the moment!

Please note that the Young People’s team will also be very busy leading assemblies, Easter-in-a-Box sessions and a Messy (Church) Gethsemane.

We’ll keep you posted as arrangements firm up.

## **ONGOING & REGULAR ITEMS**

### **LANCE’S LABOURS**

As you can probably tell from the above, arrangements for Easter will keep me very busy!

### **WHERE IS LANCE?**

Carol and Lance will be around all month but, just to warn you, they will be away for a week shortly after Easter.

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

### **WORSHIP PLANNING**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.45pm**

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

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> at 4pm**

### **MONTHLY BIBLE MEDITATION**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> at 10am** on Zoom (ask Lance for a link)

### **PRAYER WALK**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4pm.** Please meet at Linda & Giovanni's home, 20 Stockwood Road, to walk around this month's prayer area

### **PRAYER MEETING**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> at 4pm**

### **MEMBERS’ MEETING (AGM)**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 MARCH****Around the Fellowship:**

Paul & Terri Clements & family, Christine Clothier, Lil Collier, Christine & Alan Cowley, Alan & Angie Cox, Bernard & Christine Crabbe, Barbara Dore

**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