

Notices for May 2026

## Stockwood Free Church

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

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

At the start of May, we finish our mini-series on Joseph (of Genesis) with the underlying theme of the power of forgiveness to mend broken relationships. Later in the month it is Pentecost, followed by the first of a new series focusing on the Fruit of the Spirit.

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Martin	Joseph the Prisoner (including communion)
10 <sup>th</sup>	Lance	Joseph the Prodigal (he'll explain)
17 <sup>th</sup>	Ed	Joseph the Pointer (towards Jesus)
24 <sup>th</sup>	Becky	Pentecost
31 <sup>st</sup>	Travis	Starting our series on the Fruit of the Spirit

### **NEW THIS MONTH**

#### **CHURCH REFURBISHMENT**

We are very excited by the current work on our church building. Please note that it will take at least a couple of weeks before the work is complete. This won't be much before Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

#### **ABANDONED CLOTHING**

There is now quite a collection of clothing, especially children's, on the hooks in the corridor. Please take a look if you think you have left something recently or you know someone else who has. And ask any outside group that you lead!

#### **MUSICAL EVENING**

### Stockwood Happy Notes & Stockwood Concert Band



present an afternoon of musical merriment  
Saturday 09 May 2-4pm  
Christ the Servant, Mateman Rd BS14 8SP  
free entry: donations towards the church roof repairs  
ALL WELCOME

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

### **WORSHIP PLANNING**

The next meeting of the worship planning group will be on 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

### **CHURCH OUTING**

The trip to Weymouth is booked for 27<sup>th</sup> June. Coach will leave the church at 8.30am and leave Weymouth at 5.30pm for the return journey. Places are going fast!

## **ONGOING & REGULAR ITEMS**

### **LANCE'S LABOURS**

I am still working on ideas for that mental health workshop which I hope to run sometime in June. However, my main priority now is to plan ahead for the time I am away (see below) ... alongside the day job, as they say!

### **WHERE IS LANCE?**

Lance and Carol will be away camping from **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>** to **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May**

#### **Note:**

Lance and Carol are taking an extended break later this year. This will allow both they and the church to seek God's will for us in the next season of ministry here in Stockwood. So please note that they will not be around (officially!) from **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July** to **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September**

### **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, except 14<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> (details from Pauline Bingham)

### **MONTHLY BIBLE MEDITATION**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>** at **10am** on Zoom (ask Lance for a link)

### **LEADERS' MEETING**

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

### **PRAYER WALK**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>** at **4.30pm**. Please meet at Sturminster Road shops, to walk around this month's prayer area

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

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>** at **3.30pm**

### **PRAYER MEETING**

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

### **MEMBERS' MEETING**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</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 MAY**

### **Around the Fellowship:**

Andrew & Tina Hounsom, Denise Jeffery, Geoff & Barbara Jones, Roger Jones, Pauline Kelly, Sylvia & Joanne Langley, Richard Law

### **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