

Notices for Summer 2026

Stockwood Free Church

SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10.45am ON SFC PREMISES AND ON FCC

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

In July we finish our series on the Fruit of the Spirit. From the end of July, and throughout the summer, we explore the lives of some of God's Heroes.

July

5 th	Lance	All the Fruits! (including an all-age Communion)*
12 th	Martin	Faithfulness – followed by a Fellowship Lunch (see details below)
19 th	Lance	Summary (based on John 15)
26 th	Leticia	God's Heroes

*Parents - please talk to your children about whether or not you feel it's right for them to share the bread and "wine". We have no hard and fast rule!

August

2 nd	Beth	
9 th	Martin	
16 th	Pete Slee	
23 rd	Travis	
30 th		Informal 'Songs of Praise' service. We do need to know your song choices well in advance please. It would also be nice if you could say a few words on why you have chosen that particular song. Please give your song choices to either Clare or Martin. Thank you.

Note that, for most of the Sundays in September, we will explore the theme of "Habits and Routines".

PLEASE NOTE

It is our custom to produce just one newsletter over the summer period as August tends to be a much quieter month. However, please keep your eyes and ears peeled in case of late announcements and changes. For regular weekly meetings, please check with your group leader for August dates.

JULY

CRAFT & CHAT

Saturday 4th from 2pm to 5.30pm - a time to enjoy crafting together. See either Joyce or Martin for further details.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES – 9th & 16th

Please pray for the team as they lead assemblies in local primary schools

PRAYER FOR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN ETC – 11th

Do join us, at any time between **10.00 and 11.00**, to pray for our children

CANCER RESEARCH

Becky Nichols will be hiking 13.1 miles to raise money for Cancer Research on **Saturday 11th** - below is the link or speak to Becky - any donations would be greatly appreciated!

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/rebeccas-big-hike-132>

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH – 12th

Please stay after the service to join us for a shared meal. It's always a great occasion to eat and chat in a relaxed atmosphere. And do bring along some sort of pudding for us to share.

SONGS OF PRAISE AFTERNOON – 18th

This is an idea that has been brewing for a while. Do come along and sing the old hymns you love, in an informal setting. Tea and great food will be provided. Invite your friends too. It will start at **2.30pm**, lasting roughly until 4.30pm.

MESSY CHURCH – 21st

We need, please:

- Cardboard boxes, up to cereal packet size and **not** collapsed
- Margarine pots or similar

Please put them in the yellow room. Thank you.

HEATERS

The church heaters are being fitted and tested on **29th, 30th & 31st July** – please note the main church will not be available during this time.

NEWS FROM MOLDOVA

Please find attached the latest news about the Bee project.

LOOKING AHEAD

CRAFT & CHAT

1st August & 5th September.

LUNCH CLUB

Please note there will be **no** lunch club on the **10th, 17th, 24th, & 31st August**

HARVEST

For those who like to plan ahead, our annual Harvest celebration will be on **Sunday 27th September**. More details to come nearer the time.

CARE FOR THE FAMILY EVENT

Why not join Lance and Carol at this? Care for the Family are hosting an event to help strengthen marriages, "Going the Distance", in Bath in November.

Thursday 12th November 7:30pm - 10pm

Tickets are £11

Please contact Carol (Mason) if you are interested

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ONGOING & REGULAR ITEMS

LANCE'S LABOURS

In case you hadn't realised, he will be away for a bit – see below. This will entail a good deal of resting from his labours!

WHERE IS LANCE?

Lance and Carol will be on extended leave from Wednesday 22nd July until Wednesday 30th 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 for July 9th & 16th (details from Pauline Bingham)

MONTHLY BIBLE MEDITATION

Saturday 4th July at 10am on Zoom (ask Lance for a link)

LEADERS' MEETING

Monday 6th July at 7.45pm

PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday 15th July at 4pm

MEMBERS' MEETING

Thursday 16th July at 7.45pm

MESSY CHURCH (any help is gladly accepted)

Tuesday 21st July at 3.30pm

PRAYER WALK

No formal arrangement; walk around July's area when convenient

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 JULY

Around the Fellowship:

Joan Mills, Ted & Pat Morse, John & Amanda Murray & family, Margaret Nash, Steve, Claire & Phoebe Nash, Devon, Nadine & Joshua Nelson, Clive & Hilary Newman & family

Around the Neighbourhood:

Sturminster Road (top), Robinson House, Dutton Road, Dutton Walk, Dutton Close, Whittock Road, Whittock Square, Woodlands Academy & Children's Centre

PRAYER ITEMS FOR AUGUST

Around the Fellowship:

Pray for our children and young people

Around the Neighbourhood:

Pray for our local schools: Waycroft & Woodlands Academies; Oasis Academy Brislington, St Bernadette; schools, colleges and universities citywide and nationwide



Dearest gentle reader,

This author is delighted to reveal the most anticipated news of the season:

Our next pantomime shall be *Cinderella!*

Following the tremendous success of last season's production of Peter Pan, anticipation is already building, whispers of excitement have already begun to spread throughout the congregation. Rumour has it that magic, merriment, and a fairy-tale adventure await all who attend.

And now for the announcement society has been eagerly awaiting:

Cinderella will grace the stage on
15th January and 16th January 2027.

Mark your calendars, dear reader. One would not wish to miss what promises to be the social event of the season.

Yours truly,

Gemma Bidgood