

Notices for September 2026

Stockwood Free Church

SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10.45am ON SFC PREMISES AND ON FCC

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In September we are doing a short series on habits and routines. Beth has put together the series and the following explanation:

September often feels like a new beginning. As summer ends and normal routines return, many of us start thinking about the habits that shape our daily lives. The Bible reminds us that God often works through simple, everyday practices. Just as God provided manna for His people one day at a time, Jesus invites us to stay close to Him each day, and Scripture encourages us to keep going faithfully even when life is challenging. In this series, we'll explore how small, regular habits can help us grow in faith, stay connected to God, and find renewed strength for the journey ahead.

6 th	Pete Slee	Daily Dependence - Exodus 16:4-5
13 th	Leticia Adams	Daily with Jesus - John 15:1-17
14 th	Beth	Keep Faithful - Hebrews 12:1-3
27 th	Harvest*	Led by our Young People and followed by a simple meal.

*We will be supporting BMS World Mission's Change Agents appeal. During the service, we'll visit the beautiful country of Sierra Leone and find out how God is at work there, changing lives, changing communities. Please save the date and join us in making a meaningful difference in the lives of those in need, as we thank God for his blessing and provision.

NEW THIS MONTH

CONGRATULATIONS

Abi, Tommy & Freya Dyer welcomed baby **Maeve Joni** on 24th July.

A lot of our young people took big national exams (GCSE, A-levels and BTECs) earlier in the summer. So many congratulations to all of the following who have done really well:

- Blyss
- Cherubin
- Shaun
- Thomas
- Naomi
- Phoebe
- Alex

CRAFT & CHAT

Saturday 5th from 2pm to 5.30pm - a time to enjoy crafting together. See either Joyce or Martin for further details.

OPEN THE BOOK – THURSDAY 10th

Please pray for the team as they lead this assembly.

PANTOMIME

Our first meeting for our next pantomime, **Cinderella**, will be on **Friday 11th at 7pm**. We will then meet every/most Friday evenings at 6.30pm starting in the back hall. If you are interested in joining, either on stage or off stage please sign the sign-up sheet. If you are unable to make the meeting on the 11th but are interested in taking part, then please let Gemma know.

MESSY CHURCH – 15th

We can always do with more people helping out. Why not come along and see what it's all about?

TEAR FUND

I (Lance) had an email recently from Tear Fund which I wanted to forward to you all.

A huge thank you, again, for the recent gift from Stockwood Free church. Because of the generosity of churches like yours, we are seeing men, women, and children live transformed lives, reach their full potential, and achieve their goals - a powerful testimony to God's work!

While you may not personally visit the communities where we work or know the names of those whose lives have changed, your support places you there with Tearfund, faithfully sowing seeds. These individuals, in turn, become the hands and feet of Christ within their own communities, demonstrating His love in action.

Thank you once again for standing hand in hand with the local churches on the ground to build the Kingdom of God! If I can be of any help in future don't hesitate to get in touch.

'I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ' Ephesians 3:16-18

TRANSFORM EUROPE NETWORK

We have also received a letter from TEN, the "umbrella" organisation for our partnership with the Church in Burlacu, thanking us for our ongoing support for the work in Moldova. You will find it posted on the noticeboard by the side door.

MAIN HALL – FLOOR AND HEATING

A huge thank you to **Ken Wooster** and **David Reeve** for the superb job they have done on polishing the floor in the Church; it looks amazing once again. Thank you also to **Rob Bidgood**, with support from **Clive Newman**, for all their hard work on arranging installation of the gas heaters and putting in all the electrics.

ONGOING & REGULAR ITEMS

LANCE'S LABOURS

Rest and Recuperation

WHERE IS LANCE?

Lance and Carol are away for the whole of September. Any problems please contact one of the Elders or Deacons

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 except 24th

Thursdays: Each week at 7.45pm on Zoom except 24th

ADVENTURERS MEETING

Monday 7th at 7.30pm

LEADERS' MEETING

Monday 14th at 7.30pm

MESSY CHURCH

Tuesday 15th from 3.30pm

MEMBERS' MEETING

Thursday 24th at 7.45pm

PRAYER WALK

Sunday 20th at 4.30pm - Meet at Linda & Giovanni's home, 20 Stockwood Road, to walk around this month's prayer area

PRAYER MEETING

N/A

MONTHLY BIBLE MEDITATION

N/A

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 SEPTEMBER**Around the Fellowship:**

Becky Nichols & Alissa Yvonne & Terry Nichols, Karen O'Reilly, Heather Parsons & family, Howard & Erzsi Penney & family, Jan Phillips, Giovanni & Linda Pitarella

Around the Neighbourhood:

Showering Road, Showering Close, Craydon Grove, Craydon Walk, Craydon Road, Pensford Court, Cowling Road, Cowling Drive, Tibbott Road, Tibbott Walk

LOOKING AHEAD**SATURDAY BREAKFAST – 7th November**

Lilly Cox will be speaking about her recent trip to Uganda – one for your diary.

THE PASTOR STOLE OUR SPOON!

A pastor had dinner at the home of a couple in his church. After he left, the wife said to the husband, "I think he stole our spoon!" This bothered her for a whole year.



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A year later the couple had the pastor for dinner again. Unable to resist, the wife asked, "Did you steal our spoon last year?" The pastor replied, "No, I put it inside your Bible."