

Notices for October 2026

Stockwood Free Church

SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10.45am ON SFC PREMISES AND ON FCC

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In October we are going to start looking at the seven “I am” sayings of Jesus in John’s gospel.

- 4th Lance Mason “I am” – an introduction to the series. Including communion
- 11th Jimmy Tariq “I am the Gate ... and the Good Shepherd”
- 18th Lance Mason “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life” (to be confirmed)
- 25th Lance Mason Baptism service (Daniel Speedie)

Prayer Meeting in the Yellow Room from 10.20 to 10.30am every week

NEW THIS MONTH

THANK YOU's

Extended Leave – we would like to thank you all for so graciously allowing us to have such a long time away from the Church. We really appreciated the break which, as you will all know, was badly needed. However, truth to tell, we did miss you and always do when we are away. It has also given us the chance to take stock of what God has in mind for us in the near to medium term. Our mega car crash has certainly made us sit up and smell the coffee as they say. We feel refreshed and re-energised... for the time being! [Lance and Carol].

Pat Morse's Funeral – Alison, Ted's and Pat's daughter, has asked us to thank you all for cramming the church so full as we said farewell to Pat. Below is the FCC link for the service:

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Harvest – A huge thank you to all of you for your generous gifts of supplies for the local Food Bank where they will be put to very good use. Also, if you have yet to return your BMS harvest appeal envelopes, please would you do so in the next couple of weeks so we can send the money off? Thank you.



SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

The Open the Book team will be going into both local primary schools on **Thursday 10th**. Please pray for them. Lance hasn't been able to fit in an assembly with Waycroft KS2 before half-term.

MESSY CHURCH

We can always do with more people helping out. Why not come along on **Tuesday 20th** and see what it's all about?

CHAIR CLEAN

Our church chairs need a clean. We would like to put together a team of willing volunteers to help with this during half term week, starting on **Monday 26th** straight after lunch club finishes (**2pm** onwards). We felt this would be a good week as the chairs will not be in use for the rest of the week. Do you have a steamer that could be used? We will put a list up to sign if you are able to help, even just for a short time.

ROOM BOOKINGS

The building is being used more and more heavily these days and so, if you want to book a room, please give Clare as much notice as you can.

ALSO

Does anyone have a dressmaker's dummy that we could borrow – please see Clare if you can help.

GDPR

The leadership team are currently reviewing our Data Protection policy. Hilary will be doing an audit of what personal data is held by church organisations, and its security, over the next few weeks. Please can I remind you all that no one should pass any contact details, or other data they may hold, to a third party without their express permission.

If you are sending an email to a list or group of people, it is important to use the **Bcc** option, and not the Cc option. Cc'ing will mean that people's email addresses will be shared to everyone in the list/group.

ONGOING & REGULAR ITEMS

WHERE IS LANCE?

Lance and Carol will be around for most of the month, but they have a long-standing commitment to a few days away from **Monday 12th to Friday 16th**. Other than that, they will be around more or less all the time till the end of the year.

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

LEADERS' MEETING

Monday 5th at 7.45pm

BIBLE MEDITATION

Saturday 10th at 10am – Zoom link from Lance

PRAYER WALK

Sunday 11th at 4pm - Meet at Pauline & Roger's home, 60 Bifield Road, to walk around this month's prayer area

PRAYER MEETING

Monday 21st at 4pm

WORSHIP PLANNING

Monday 21st at 7.45pm

MESSY CHURCH

Tuesday 26th from 3.30pm

TODDLERS

Every Wednesday & Friday from 9am-11.30am

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

Each week from 2.30-4pm

CRAFT & CHAT

First Saturday of the month from 2pm to 5.30pm – a time of crafting together. See Joyce or Martin for more details.

PUPPETS

Alternate Wednesdays at 7pm (speak to Emily Stephens for more details/dates)

PRAYER ITEMS FOR OCTOBER

Around the Fellowship:

Jon & Sam Powell & family, Doreen Pugsley, Raja & Mighty Rathinam & family, Dave & Barbara Reeve & family, Gordon & Pat Richards & Glyn, Ruth Richards & Alex, Martin Rose and family

Around the Neighbourhood:

Burfoote Road, Burfoote Gardens, Pomfrett Gardens, Bifield Road, Bifield Gardens, Bifield Close, Warren Gardens, Coape Road, Cantell Grove, Townsend Road, Townsend Close

LOOKING AHEAD

SATURDAY BREAKFAST – 7th November

Lilly Cox will be speaking about her recent trip to Uganda – please put the date in your diary.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Potentially sometime in November.