

Pray this month especially for:

Around the Fellowship -

Neil & Juliet Duffy & family, John & Hilda Fackrell, Ian & Carol Ferris & family, Brian Greenroyd & Hazel, Andrew & Tina Hounsom

Around the Community -

Hollway Road (including the shops and Medical Centre), Hollway Close, Selden Road (including Waycroft Academy), Harden Road, Eaton Close, Materman Road, Goslett Road, Woolley Road, Battson Road, Bluebell Gardens

Prayer Walk around this area on **Sunday 12th March**. Meet at Dave & Barbara's home, 11 Maple Close at 6.30pm

Weigh and Pray (or should it be Pray and Weigh?)

Testing the waters - is anyone interested in weighing on a regular basis with others from SFC? If so, please contact Carol Mason

Lance's Labours

Busy month coming up!

1. Local Mission – preparation for 'The Turning' and other activities
2. Lent and Easter – more thinking still needed
3. After Easter – the Sunday morning series

Where is Lance?

Carol and I will be away for a long weekend from Friday 17th to Monday 20th March [Lance is also at a New Wine leaders' conference (in Bristol) from 15th to 17th March]

Dates for your Diary / Advance Notices

Easter Weekend - I am still trying to think through the details, but roughly speaking it is looking like:

Good Friday - A day of prayer and fasting, walk of witness (different route!) in the morning and possibly some sort of meditative time in the afternoon

Easter Saturday - Breakfast first thing followed by a walk (in the bright sunshine!) somewhere

Easter Sunday - Sunrise service(?), early communion service and then morning service

Burlacu Visit

Remember to let Lance or Carol know if you are thinking of a trip to Burlacu in the next couple of years

Stockwood Free Church Newsletter March 2017

"Come, follow me", Jesus said

(Mark 1:17)

We meet every Sunday morning at 10.45am

(Prayer from 10.15am)

With Youth Church, Adventurers, Crèche, Refreshments.

Communion is generally held on the first Sunday of the month.



WEEKLY PROGRAMME

SUNDAY:

During March, we will start a short series on some of the disciplines of the Christian faith. Disciples should, of course, be disciplined! Let's be open to all that God is going to say to us.

- Feb 26th Walking the Walk, Talking the Talk – Martin
Mar 5th Lent Series starts (Fairtrade Sunday) – Lance & Young People (includes Communion)
6.00pm – Eden event at Counterslip (free youth event)
12th Lent – Peter Slee
7.30pm – An evening with Jan Cooper on past and present activities in Israel (please speak to Pete Kelly for more details)
19th Lent – Ted
26th Mothering Sunday – Lance. Do also join us for a Fellowship Breakfast before the service (9am)

MONDAY:

- 11.30am **Lunch Club**
7.45pm **Leaders Meeting** (13th) Do let us know if there is anything you want put on our agenda ... we will discuss it!
8.00pm **Adventurers Leaders Meeting** (20th)
7.30pm **Ladies Circle** - "Pauline's Fun with Briswool" (27th)
7.00pm **Puppet Practice** (6th & 20th – please listen out for possible additional dates)
7.45pm **Fellowship Group** at 70 Ladman Rd (see Howard for dates)

TUESDAY:

- 1.00pm **Toddler's Group**

WEDNESDAY:

- 2.30pm **Wednesday Fellowship**
7.30pm **Fellowship Group** at 83 Stockwood Rd

THURSDAY:

- 7.45pm **Fellowship Group** at 20 Stockwood Rd (2nd only)
7.00pm **Lent Groups** (9th onwards)
7.45pm **Members' Meeting** (23rd)

FRIDAY:

- 7.30pm **Intercessory Prayer Meeting** at 7 Cogsall Road (10th)

SATURDAY:

- 8.00pm **G1 Group** at Lance & Carol's home (11th & 25th). For young people of Sixth form age and above
9.00am **Spring Cleaning** ... let's get the church sparkling again (you may even get some lunch!) (25th)

NEWS & EVENTS

Holiday Club

A huge thank you from me [Lance] to all the team who worked very hard to make the club such a success. Let's keep praying for fruit from our labours!

Lent Groups - We shall be meeting at **7pm** on Thursday evenings: **9th March** at the Free Church led by Gwyn; **16th March** at Christ the Servant led by Lance; **30th March** at the Free Church led by Gwyn; **6th April** at Christ the Servant led by Lance. We have listened to what folk have been saying and have put together a short series of meetings that will focus very simply on aspects of how the Cross and the Empty Tomb impact on our lives. We aim to keep the meetings to a maximum length of 75 minutes so that they don't finish too late. Do come if you possibly can

Members' Meeting - Thursday 23rd March

A heartfelt plea from Lance.... Our meetings are a lot shorter nowadays and we try hard to give everyone a chance to contribute if they want to. The meetings are not about giving out information, but trying as best we can to hear what God is saying to us collectively. This is the only forum in which we can discuss Church business, so please come if you can!

Fellowship Breakfast – 9am on Sunday 26th March (Mothering Sunday)

As a bit of a change, we will enjoy breakfast together this month. Suggested donations of £2 for adults, £1 for children (any profit will go the Church extension fund)

"The Turning" 2017

I said that I would give you an update! I have so far been to three preparation meetings. The broad idea is that the week before Easter will be about people going out onto the streets in the centre of Bristol telling people about the Good News and the week after Easter will be based in outlying centres, probably Bedminster for the South of Bristol. No-one will be expected to do all day every day. The next event is a training session for all those who want to be more involved in co-ordinating it from their own church end. This will be a two-day(!) event on Wednesday and Thursday 22nd & 23rd March. Please talk to me if you are interested in being involved in any of this [Lance]

Leadership Elections

We will have a few vacancies on the leadership team in May. Please pray about this and approach people sooner rather than later if you would like them to stand, to give them a decent time to think and pray about it

Website

Terry Nichols has been working very hard to update the website and you will find the updated newsletter, calendar and some of the rotas there. Please have a look