

Pray this month especially for:

Around the Fellowship -

Brian & Louise Howarth, Roger Jones, Pete & Pauline Kelly, Frank Kohler, Terry, Sylvia & Joanne Langley

Around the Community -

Holsom Road, Holsom Close, Warman Road, Warman Close, Stockwood Lane, Pomfrett Gardens

Prayer Walk around this area on **Sunday 23rd April**. Meet at Lance & Carol's home, 7 Cogsall Road at 6.30pm

The Noise (29th April to 1st May)

This is an annual week-end of Christian social action that is coming for the first time to South Bristol. The team leader is keen to engage Stockwood volunteers to assist with a Stockwood project. Please see this webpage for further details: <http://www.thenoise.org.uk/>
If you can help, please let me know [Lance]

50 days of Good News (Easter to Pentecost)

The Baptist Union is proposing that we gear ourselves up - even more!!!! - for Mission over this period. We shall see if anything fits well but you might want to look at this webpage for more details in the meantime:
<http://www.webassoc.org.uk/50-days-good-news-church-challenge/>

Lance's Labours

Lots going on – when isn't there?! – but my priorities are:

1. Mission – The Turning in the week leading up to Easter
2. Discipleship – this will need follow-up!
3. Easter – turning the plans into reality

Where is Lance?

I away from Monday 17th to Friday 21st April and then Carol and I are away over the May Day Bank Holiday weekend.

Dates for your Diary / Advance Notices

Polling Weekend (6th/7th May)

Hallelujah! Lots of the good folk from Stockwood will be trooping into the Free Church on polling day. Let's think what we could do the following weekend that we could advertise that day! (4th May)

Burlacu Visit

If we are to do something this year you need to let Carol or myself know fairly soon please [Lance]

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"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:

This month we conclude our short series on Christian disciplines and after Easter we shall look together at some portions of Isaiah, which I know will be a blessing to all.

Mar 26 th	Mothering Sunday – Lance
Apr 2 nd	Communion Guidance – Pete Kelly 6.30pm – The Eden Event (free youth event at Counterslip for 11-18 year olds)
8 th	Palm Sunday – Lance
16 th	Easter Sunday – Ted
23 rd	Lance
30 th	Ted

MONDAY:

11.30am	Lunch Club
7.45pm	Leaders Meeting (3 rd) We met fairly recently, so there is definitely space for your agenda items! What do you want us to discuss?
12.30pm	Ladies Circle – Lunch at a local café (24 th)
7.00pm	Puppet Practice (3 rd , 10 th (?) & 24 th)
8.00pm	Worship Planning Please give any of the team your feedback – compliments are welcome along with any brickbats! (24 th)
7.45pm	Fellowship Group at 70 Ladman Rd (see Howard for dates) Open the Book Assemblies – the team from both churches would really value your prayers for our work, particularly for the first date when we are going to present the messages of the Cross and Empty Tomb, all in one assembly! (3 rd & 24 th)

TUESDAY:

1.00pm	Toddler's Group
7.00pm	Weigh & Pray

WEDNESDAY:

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

THURSDAY:

7.45pm	Fellowship Group a 60 Bifield Rd (27 th only)
10am	Activity Morning for children in Reception to Year 6 (20 th)

FRIDAY:

7.30pm	Intercessory Prayer Meeting at 7 Cogsall Road (14 th)
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SATURDAY:

8.00pm	G1 Group at Lance & Carol's home (1 st & 15 th). For young people of Sixth form age and above
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NEWS & EVENTS

Fred Legge

We are all sad that we have lost dear Fred at the grand old age of 99, but rejoice that he is now with Jesus. He had a great faith and made sure that everyone knew it till the very last. His funeral and a memorial service will take place on **Thursday 6th April** (Committal at 1.30pm, SFC at 2.30pm)

Lent Groups – 6th April

This will be the last chance for this year. I will be leading a discussion on Hope based on the Resurrection at 7pm at Christ the Servant Church. (The *discussion* is that night, not the Resurrection!) [Lance]

The Turning (9th to 23rd April)

I have been out for an hour on the streets of Bristol with the team. In this time 26 people made a commitment to Jesus, most for the very first time. There are loads of opportunities to get involved either with the mission itself or with follow-up afterwards. It would be great to see a few more people getting stuck into this. Look at this webpage for lots more information: http://www.bristolnetworks.org.uk/Articles/486820/Home/Home_Articles/Features/Bristol_Turning_Update.aspx
Please also talk to me or Pete Kelly if you want to be involved [Lance]

Day of Prayer & Fasting (14th April)

I have felt for some time that we ought to take prayer and fasting more seriously. It is the only way that I know to see God move in and through the Church. Please consider getting involved somehow on Good Friday; I won't legislate or check up! [Lance]

~ EASTER ~

Thurs 13 th	Maundy Thursday service – 7.30pm – Christ the Servant
Fri 14 th	Good Friday Walk of Witness – 10am – Christ the Servant Open Air Service – 11am – Shops Quiet Time – 2pm to 4pm – Free Church (drop in anytime)
Sat 15 th	Breakfast – 9am – Free Church Walk for Fun – after Breakfast – weather permitting
Sun 16 th	Sunrise Service – 6am – Christ the Servant Communion – 8am – Free Church Main Service – 10.45am – Free Church Film (probably 'War Room') – 7pm – Free Church

Leadership Elections (18th May)

My impression is that we very often leave it to the last minute to approach someone, usually because we assume someone else already has. Well, assume they haven't! Ask them if they would consider standing for the leadership team. I would be extremely happy to discuss with anyone who wants to talk to me about this [Lance]