

Pray this month especially for:

Around the Fellowship:

Mandy & Martin Stephens & family, Jenny & Jude Stoltz & family, Mark & Roz Wakefield & family, John and Sandy Weighell, Colin & Linda White, Ken & Joyce Wooster, Sandra Wright

Around Stockwood:

Bagnell Road, Bagnell Close, Ladman Road, Ladman Grove, Chestnut Close, Pynne Road, Pynne Close, Cottle Road, Cottle Gardens

Prayer Walk – None this month

Intercessory Prayer Meeting – 7.30pm on 11th at Carol & Lance's home

Lance's Labours

- Preparing and leading various Christmas events (what a surprise)!
- Planning the sermon for the New Year
- Prioritising (ie: deciding what needs to go)!

Where is Lance?

Lance and Carol should be around throughout December, but intend to take a short break early in the New Year

Dates for your Diary:

WEBA network gathering - we are warmly invited to a Talking Jesus Network Gathering at Fishponds Baptist Church on **Sunday 26th January 2020** at 6.30pm. Regional Minister Lindsay Caplen will be the main speaker, and will speak on the theme of "Are we talking Jesus?"

Holiday Club "Wonder Zone" exploring God's wonderful world. This will be from 9am to 3.30pm on **Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th February** (half term) for 5-11 year olds. We really need some extra helpers on either or both days. Please talk to Pauline B to find out what is involved.

Change of Date for the AGM : 12th March 2020

Next Newsletter Deadline : 2nd January 2020

Stockwood Free Church Newsletter

December 2019

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Jesus Christ

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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

Our theme throughout the month will be looking forward to, and celebrating, the birth of Immanuel, "God with us"

SUNDAY:

Nov 24 th	Peter Slee 6.30pm – Prayer Walk
Dec 1 st	Church Anniversary (inc All-Age Communion) followed by a Fellowship Lunch
8 th	Leticia 5.00pm – Games Evening
15 th	Martin & Beth – Adults in Back Hall 6.30pm – Film Night "Mary & Joseph"
22 nd	Nativity Service 6.30pm – Carol Service
29 th	All Age Service

MONDAY:

11.30am	School Assemblies – please pray for the team (2 nd & 9 th)
7.45pm	Lunch Club
8.00pm	Fellowship Group at 70 Ladman Rd Worship Planning (25 th)

WEDNESDAY:

9.30am	Toddlers' Group
10.00am	Christmas Day service
2.30pm	Wednesday Fellowship - Christmas Carols & Party on the 18 th then closed until the New Year
7.00pm	Puppet Practice (4 th & 18 th)
7.30pm	Fellowship Group at 83 Stockwood Rd
7.30pm	Intercessory Prayer Meeting at Carol & Lance's home (11 th)

THURSDAY:

1.00pm	Toddlers' Group
7.45pm	Fellowship Group at 60 Bifield Rd (5 th & 12 th) 19 th will be a Christmas Party – everyone is welcome

FRIDAY:

10.15am	Ladies Breakfast/Coffee Morning at Bluebell Gardens (6 th)
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SATURDAY:

7.30am	Monthly Bible Meditation at SFC (Dec 7 th & Jan 4 th)
11.00am	Carols at the Shops (21 st)
8.00pm	G1 Group at Lance and Carol's home (Dec 7 th & 21 st , Jan 4 th)

NEWS & EVENTS

BMS Harvest Appeal

We raised a massive £613.23 this year – the most in quite some time, if not ever. A heartfelt thank you on behalf of BMS, to everyone who donated

Church Anniversary – 1st December

We will have one of our ever-popular church lunches on Sunday 1st December, to celebrate our 56th Anniversary. Please donate towards the cost of the main meal as you see fit and bring a dessert to share. Our service is being led by John Miles from Chew Magna Baptist Church, part of our local "cluster" of Baptist churches.

Church Christmas Card

Note that we will have one big card in church that we can all sign and send to each other. Please give what you would have spent on your own cards to World Vision, a Christian charity that works with disadvantaged children across the globe. There will be a box next to the card

Churches Christmas Cards

These will be available early in December for delivery to the houses in Stockwood. Please pick up a set to deliver during the week commencing Sunday 8th December. Your help really is needed here! And don't forget to pray over the cards as you post them into letterboxes

Carols at the Shops – 21st December

It is plain that the more of us gather together, the more impact we make. We start at 11am – please put this one in your diary!

Men's Bible Study

Lance is considering organising a once-a-month Bible study on a Wednesday just for men. Please talk to him if this interests you

Church Plates

Please could you all check your kitchen cupboards for borrowed crockery, we are nearing the point where we may need to buy more plates

New Year Items:

Prayer for our Children – 4th January

Twice a year we meet together to pray for our children and grandchildren. Please drop in to the church sometime between 8.30am to 10.30am, either to pray alone or with others

New Year Covenant Service – 5th January

At the start of the New Year we will re-confirm our covenant with God and with one another. Lance and Ted will challenge us all to think in more detail about what this might actually mean in practice!