

Notices for April 2025

Stockwood Free Church

SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10.45am ON SFC PREMISES AND ON FCC

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Our services in April will focus on the story of Easter.

We have added in the details of services on Good Friday and early on Easter Sunday for completeness.

6 th	Lance	The Coming Redemption – Part 1
13 th	Travis	Palm Sunday
18 th	10.30am	Good Friday Service*
20 th	8am	Easter Communion
	10.45am	Easter Celebration (Lance)
27 th	Lance	The Coming Redemption – Part 2

*On the morning of Good Friday, we will hold a simple, reflective, prayerful service from **10.30am**. If you would like to share something of what Easter means to you, please talk to Lance beforehand so he can include your contribution. We will **NOT** be hosting a breakfast this year, nor going on a walk around the Neighbourhood, as quite a few people are away.

NEW THIS MONTH

AGM 2025

Thank you so much to all of you who came to our annual celebration of the many and varied activities of the church, and a special thank you to all of those who put so much work into preparing presentations. It was, as ever, a highly informative, encouraging and challenging evening.

Also, just a reminder that Hilary Newman was re-elected to the Diaconate and to the post of Treasurer. Thank you to Linda White for shouldering this particular load over the past year.

EASTER 'AT HOME'

As promised, we have arranged a very simple social event on the afternoon of **Saturday 12th** from **2 – 5pm**. We will use the whole building. Here's a rough plan of what will be where:

Back Hall – Café - serving hot drinks, bickies, hot dogs, burgers

Red Room – board games

Yellow Room – craft activities

Blue Room – quiet space, with some things to help us to pray (*we could do with one or two folk to "staff" this! – please talk to Lance if you can help*)

Main Hall – puppets, active games, maybe some short films, etc

Outside – we'll take a rain check earlier that week and maybe add in something weather permitting

The idea is to make it a really relaxed afternoon with opportunities for people of all ages to drop in and out of anything that's going on. If people just want to come for a cuppa and a chat that's fine. Why not ask a friend to come along? Maybe we could even put into practice some of the things we have been talking about on Sunday mornings throughout the last month!

MESSY CHURCH – TUESDAY 15th

We have several key people away at Spring Harvest on this occasion. If you can come along to help out at Messy Church, please have a word with Lance. Even if you would just like to know some more, again please talk to him; he would be thrilled!

ART EXHIBITION – SATURDAY 26th

Christ The Servant and Stockwood Free Church Art Clubs are holding an Art Exhibition in remembrance of the late Mary Rutt, at Christ the Servant Church Hall, from **10am – 2pm**. All are welcome.

LOOKING AHEAD

Starting in May, Lance would like to tackle – in some cases for the second time(!) - some of the really difficult questions. Obvious examples are:

1. Why do bad things happen to good people?
2. Don't all faiths worship the same God?
3. Why doesn't God answer my prayers?
4. Do I have to go to Church to be a Christian?

Have you a particularly thorny question that you would like Lance to add to this list? If so, please let him know. No promises, but he'll see what he can do!

ANNUAL CHURCH OUTING

No surprise, we are going to Weymouth! The coach is booked for **Saturday 5th July**; please put the date in your diary!

ONGOING & REGULAR ITEMS

LANCE'S LABOURS

As you might guess much of my time will be taken up with Easter preparations, though I am still looking for ways in which we can be more present and visible in the Sturminster area.

WHERE IS LANCE?

Land and Carol are going to take a few days break from Tuesday 8th to Friday 11th April, just to recharge their batteries. Apart from that they will be around for the rest of the month.

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 (details from Pauline Bingham)

PRAYER WALK

Meet at Lance & Carol's home, 7 Cogsall Road at **4.30pm** on **Sunday 13th** to walk around this month's prayer area.

LEADERS' MEETING

Monday 7th at 7.45pm

MONTHLY BIBLE MEDITATION

Saturday 12th at 8am on Zoom (ask Lance for a link)

MESSY CHURCH
Tuesday 15th at 4pm

PRAYER MEETING
Wednesday 16th at 4pm

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 THIS MONTH

Around the Fellowship:

Barbara Dore, Jill Duffy, Abi, Tommy & Freya Dyer, Ian & Carol Ferris & family, Nicola Frankcom & family, Jackie Greenland, Clive and Winifred Harris

Around the Neighbourhood:

Holsom Road, Holsom Close, Warman Road, Warman Close, Stockwood Lane, The Concorde, Garage, Community Centre, Lansdown Park School, Partou Nursery