



VINE WEEKLY

THIS WEEK

Sunday 14 May: We continue our In His Presence series and David Garrett is speaking to us on Exodus 6:28- 10:29. If you missed last week's talk on 'Options to listening to God', recordings of previous talks are available [online](#).

Ripz & Soul Purpose joint social 18:30 Sunday 14 May.

NEXT WEEK

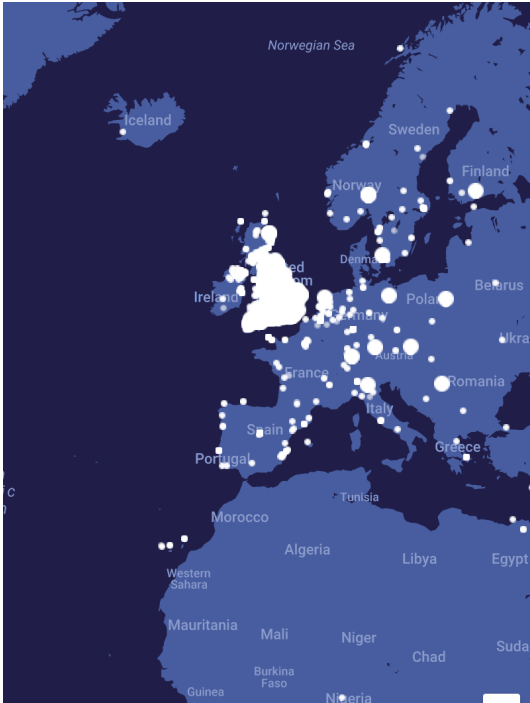
Sunday 21 May: In His Presence series continues with 'Sharing an Expensive Meal', Stan King will be speaking on Exodus 11:1-13:16.

SEVENOAKS WELCOMES REFUGEES

Your chance to get involved! The group now has the first of what will be a flow of practical tasks that they need people to do. These are to do with preparing the house in Eynsford, and have been suggested by the Eynsford Community Support Group. The garden needs tidying up, and the house needs some painting (internally) to add some domestic colours other than magnolia. They're looking to do this work on Saturday 20th or Saturday 27th May. If you are interested, please email Humphrey at sevenoakswelcomesrefugees@gmail.com. If you are interested in helping out in the future, let [Stan](#) or [Guy](#) know.

THY KINGDOM COME 25 MAY - 04 JUNE

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. What started out as an invitation from the



Archbishops' of Canterbury and York in 2016 to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.

Will you Pledge2Pray? You can get involved as an individual, a family, a small group or a church. Read more and sign up www.thykingdomcome.global

LEADERSHIP Q & A

We have received a follow-up question on future leadership of the church when Stan returns to Canada. It is important to emphasise that the strategic planning sessions that the leadership team held and the outcomes that were shared at the family meeting last Sunday will help to clarify what type of staff we need. The goals and direction of travel for VEC will call for particular gifts, and by laying these foundations we are better placed to seek and identify how to build on them. Please pray for the Elders and SLT as they continue to lead the church forward, and specifically as they jointly meet on Tuesday 16 May to address our need for a pastor and other staffing. Decisions made at that meeting will be shared with the church family as soon as possible, and regular updates will be provided as we move forward.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

27-28 May - [Big Church Day Out](#) weekend. Please contact [Antonia](#) if you would like to go

****YOUTH**** If you would like to go to BCDO and your family isn't going then please speak to Stan and he will arrange of you to go with another family from the church

04 June - RipZ in the morning, Parent Night 18:30

11 June - RipZ & Soul Purpose joint social 18:30

18 June - RipZ & Soul Purpose joint film night at the Fletcher's 18:30

23-25 June - [The Gathering](#), speak to David Garrett for more detail (01732 763182)

PUPPET ADVENT CALENDAR

Alistair M and Daniel C are working on launching a free puppet advent calendar application this Christmas. The vision of which is to provide families and individuals a fun virtual advent calendar with daily video clips of puppets whilst highlighting the Christian message behind Christmas.

They are in need of a little ongoing support to make this a success in the following areas; script writing, puppeteering, set design and construction, voice recordings, any financial support and of course ongoing Prayer! For more information please see the leaflet in the entrance hall or the [website](#). If you are able to provide a little time in any of the above areas over the coming months please speak to Alistair or Daniel.

VEC - STRATEGIC PLANNING

Last week at the Church Family Meeting, Mike Fletcher walked us through all the planning that the leadership has been going through. You are welcome to pick up a copy of some tables that summaries this information; they are available on the sound desk. If you have any questions, Mike will be pleased to speak to you about them.

CONTENT FOR THE VW!

Do you have a content idea for the Vine Weekly? Maybe you'd like to start a short weekly book or film review? All content needs to be written and submitted to news@vec.org.uk by Wednesday each week. Please contact [Amy](#) if you would like to get involved.



FAMILY NEWS

Glenda Lyford was moved home this week. She and her family have a lot of adjustments to make to accommodate her new challenges. Pray that she and they will have the necessary strength and wisdom.

Kevin Brabner - please keep praying for Kevin as he has had a difficult week, including a short stay at Tunbridge Wells Hospital. If you are interested in visiting with Kevin, please speak to [Stan](#) or [Sue](#)

Aaron & Louise Garrett have had a busy and eventful two months! You can read all the details in their latest [newsletter](#), copies are also available in the entrance hall. They give particular prayer requests, including the new relationships with the Orphanage, for energy and for any islands of Vanuatu that were affected by the cyclone

[Sinclair](#) as they both see Kevin regularly.

David Edmett's father had a recent stroke, and had a turn for the worse last Saturday night. David and Belinda spent Sunday at the stroke unit in Euston London. David's father may spend some time with them under their care. Please pray for them all.

VEC COMMUNITY

The Emmanu'-EL Apostolic Gospel Academy Choir are giving a concert at Trinity Methodist Church, East Grinstead (RH19 2HA) on Saturday 20 May 2017. Doors open 19:00, for 19:30 start. Tickets are £10 and £5 for under 16. Phone Mabel at 07801853815 for tickets.

[Oxford Methodist Church Men's Breakfast](#) – 03 June 08:30 at The Toby Carvery, Badgers Mount. Dr Andrew Fergusson is speaking, Please let Derek Baxter know if you are able to come (01959 523687)

Sevenoaks Counselling Annual Open Meeting - 07 June 19:30 refreshments for 20:00 start at St Mary's Parish Centre, Kippington Road, Sevenoaks. This year's main subject is 'Addiction' with Allison Summers speaking. More details in the entrance hall.

Première of "[Te Deum](#)", a brand new work by John Featherstone. Classical, jazz & gospel meet in a brand new choral work, Sevenoaks Summer Festival 24 June 20:00. Many in Sevenoaks will be aware of his ministry as a musician in France, and this immense new project will be performed for the first time at St Nicholas as part of the Sevenoaks Festival.

WHAT'S ON...

To see what's going on at VEC this week go to the website and take a look at the [Events Calendar](#). Here you will find out which groups, meetings and activities are taking place along with timings and details.

SERVICE ROTA

Date	Leader	Speaker	Coffee	Welcome	Sound	Chairs	Communion
14 May	Max & Sue Sinclair	David Garrett	Rusty Dawson Maureen Lewis	Sally Stiven	James Davis Joshua Davis	James Davis	Iain Hemington
21 May	Mike & Hester	Stan King	Pauline & Guy Knight	Beverley South	Steve Joe Byles	Kevin Brown	tbc
28 May	David	Daniel Hunter	Glenda Newholm Angela Gardiner	Merrie Reynolds	James Wickham	Stephen Prior	Maureen Lewis
04 Jun	Stephen Prior	Stan King	Richard & Liz Atkins	Beth Garret	Sam Fletcher Kim Tainio	David Owen	Stan & Becky King
11 Jun	Mike & Hester	James Wickham	Jan & Phil Wiles	David Tyler	Steve Joe Byles	Glen Tainio	Iain Hemington

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