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# VINE WEEKLY

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## THIS WEEK

Sunday 21 May: We continue our In His Presence series and Stan King is speaking on Exodus 11:1-13:16, 'Sharing an Expensive Meal'. If you missed Dave Garrett's talk last week, recordings of previous talks are available [online](#).

## NEXT WEEK

Sunday 28 May: In His Presence series continues, Daniel Hunter will be speaking on Exodus 13:17-15:21.

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## HELP PLEASE!

We announced at the Church Family Meeting that we needed to find people to fill several roles that Guy has been filling in his role as administrator by 30 May. The roles that are still outstanding are safeguarding, fire, safety, and health. If you are at all interested, or feel prompted to volunteer, please speak to Sally Stiven (07885 274162) or Stan (07899 335909).

## PRAY FOR A PASTOR

The elders and strategic leadership team met on Tuesday night and have made plans to proceed with a pastoral search in the expectation that we will have a new pastor as soon as possible, ideally by 1 January 2018. The leadership has drafted the following profile to describe the person they are praying God will raise up to take on this role amongst us:

*We believe that the person God appoints to lead VEC through the next stage in our journey will be a man rather than a woman, and that*

- 1. He will be an experienced, confident and inspirational leader.*
- 2. His theology will be evangelical.*
- 3. He will be able to preach and teach effectively, in some depth, with application aimed at deepening the spiritual life of the church family.*
- 4. He will have good inter-personal skills and a pastoral heart.*
- 5. He will be a team leader who will work in harmony with our elders and strategic leadership team.*
- 6. He will be a unifying, diplomatic leader who can balance the demands of many different interests within the church family*
- 7. He will be able to affirm and set free the variety of gifts amongst the church family and inspire us to use our gifts.*
- 8. He will be an effective communicator and administrator.*
- 9. His wife will be fully supportive of him in the demands of the role.*

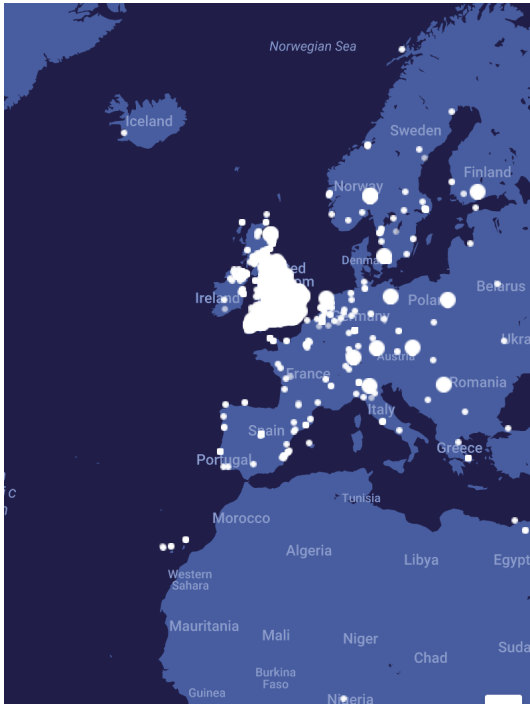
We ask that you join us in praying for God to bring this person to us. As well, we ask that in the next two weeks, you email to the leadership ([elders@vec.org.uk](mailto:elders@vec.org.uk)) any names of people you think might be suitable to fill this role. We will then send them a package of information, including a description of the church family and the role profile. Often God's process is weaved through a network of individuals being mindful of the need and a person's gifting and availability.

In addition to seeking names through the church family network, as soon as possible, but no later than 1 June, we will be advertising the role through organisations such as Evangelical Alliance. By throwing the net wide, we want to be open to the Spirit of God moving in ways we do not control. If you think there are other notice boards or online sites that would be beneficial, please suggest those by email to [elders@vec.org.uk](mailto:elders@vec.org.uk)

As we receive applications, the review and interview process will be similar to that used when Stan and Becky came to us, with the elders and strategic leadership team jointly leading and directing the process. We will give you regular updates of our success and you are free to ask questions of any of the leadership at any time.

Please pray fervently that God will guide and direct us and the right person to come together to serve the purpose of VEC in pursuit of the vision God has given us.

# 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](http://www.thykingdomcome.global)



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**27-28 May** - [Big Church Day Out](#) weekend. LAST CHANCE to sign up with the group booking is 22 May. 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)



## FAMILY NEWS

**Elizabeth-Ann Horsford** will be back in Sevenoaks for a few days to see about selling her flat and further treatment on her eye. Please pray that her time here would go well and that God will give her wisdom and

**Roger and Yvonne Malstead** have launched a programme in their town Wenatchee to help Syrian refugees in Turkey. There are more than four million Syrians who have fled their homes, 2.5 million have sought

strength.

**Glenda Lyford** has moved home and is adjusting to life there. She appreciates people visiting and you are encouraged to do so. If you are uncertain as to what might be the best time, please text her daughter Valerie at 07789 006453.

**David Tyler** had cataract surgery this week, which went well. Pray that he will fully recover from the surgery and be able to return to doing all that he does for his family and the community.

refuge in Turkey. Their goal is to help the refugees achieve a new "normal". You can read all about the programme, from sewing and plumbing classes to assistance with healthcare costs and also how you can help on the poster in the entrance hall.

**Simeon & Jonina Garrett** have sent over this note after receiving the language memorisation cards from VEC which Pauline organised. "Thank you so so much for the cards, we felt so blessed to receive something so nice! I don't meet many missionaries who have such an amazing caring congregation behind them. We are so thankful."

## **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.

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# 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.

*\*Please note that there is no MoSEs this Sunday 21 May\**

## SERVICE ROTA

Date	Leader	Speaker	Coffee	Welcome	Sound	Chairs	Communion
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
18 Jun	David	Stan King	Lois Davis Demi Whatty	Glenda Newholm	James Davis Josh	James Davis	tbc

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All items for VW to [news@vec.org.uk](mailto:news@vec.org.uk)  
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