



VINE WEEKLY

THIS WEEK

Sunday 17 Dec: We continue our Nativity study as Max & Sue Sinclair speak to us on 'Nativity experienced'.

You can catch up on any previous sermons which are all available [online](#).

Prayer gathering - Sunday 17 Dec 19:00-20:00 at VEC. Join the church family as we come together and pray.

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 24 Dec: Jim Davis will be speaking as we continue our Nativity study with 'Nativity Celebrated'.

Sunday 25 Dec: Christmas Celebration! We celebrate together the birth of Jesus with a 10:30 service on Christmas Day.

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VEC'S PRESENT APPEAL

This year on Christmas Day rather than bringing in the presents we have received, we are encouraging everyone to bring in a present for someone else.

The gifts will go to Hospices of Hope, whose head office is in Otford. They are a leading hospice development charity in South East Europe, working in Romania, Serbia and Moldova.

Please Christmas wrap the presents and we will take a photo on the day which Hospices of Hope will share with the hospice we will be supporting. On the present we ask you to include the following:

- A little selfie (if you can!) and a message to the other person, or a prayer. You can also include a little bit about yourself if you fancy.
- Gender and age range the present is suitable for (particularly for children).

Our presents will go to Emanuel Hospice in Oradea in northern Romania. They have 73 patients in total, however they don't have an even distribution across the age ranges, for example they don't have any boys between the ages of 3 and 7. So to make sure our presents all have someone to go to and that we're not missing anyone out, we will have a sign-up sheet at church where you can say which category you are buying for.

Please see Xenia Crawford to sign up or for more info.

PUPPET ADVENT CALENDAR KICKSTARTER CAMPAIGN

Daniel Cole and Alistair Mitchell have now launched their [Puppet Advent Calendar Kickstarter Campaign](#), please remember to support them by signing up and making a pledge! You will receive advent clips to watch with your family this year through the kickstarter updates!

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to all those who helped out at both the movie night and the carol service. Both were really special evenings and your help was much appreciated.

SOMETHING TO SHARE...

 [Gloria](#) by Josh Garrels 

Thank you David Perkins for sharing!

Have you got a book recommendation or new song or podcast that you've listened to recently that could go here? Please email news@vec.org.uk.

CONTENT FOR THE VW!

Just a reminder that on a weekly basis you can share your news with VEC and it will appear in the 'Family News' section. You can also supply other notices or a suggestion for the 'Something to Share' section. All content needs to be written and submitted to [Amy](#) at news@vec.org.uk by Wednesday each week.



FAMILY NEWS

Gelly & Gail Villacorta are still waiting for their residence permits. Please pray for their Solicitor as he prepares documents for their appeal for these permits. Pray in particular for wisdom and guidance for their legal team. Gail and Gelly have been through, and still are going through, a very long process. We praise God for his outpouring of peace on them and ask that this may continue.

VEC COMMUNITY

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

St Nicholas Church offers a bereavement support group each year when a small group of people meet together in a safe Christian environment to share confidentially their individual experiences of grief. They are helped towards coming to terms with their loss and integrating it into their lives irrespective of whether the loss was recent or a while ago.

Course starts on Monday 11 December 2017 with further session on Mondays starting 8 January 2018, from 20:00 – 21:30 in centrally located home in Sevenoaks. If you are interested please contact [Wendy Billington/](#) 01732 462868.

CRIB TRAIL 2017

Churches Together in Sevenoaks and District are running their Crib Trail again this year - Follow the Star. It will take place on Wednesday 27 December, 13:00-16:00. More details and the venues are available [online](#).

SALTMINE THEATRE COMING TO SEVENOAKS

Early warning so you can get the date in the diary in plenty of time. Saltmine Theatre Company will be putting on "Darkness Falls - John's Gospel" on Tuesday 13 March 2018 at St Nicks Church, Sevenoaks. Proposed start time is 20:00, the performance will end at 22:00 including a 20 minute interval. Tickets will cost - £10 standard, £5 for 12-18s (Not suitable for under 12s) .

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
17 Dec	Max & Sue Sinclair	Max & Sue Sinclair	Glenda Newholm Maureen Lewis	David & Belinda Edmett	Steve & Jonah Prior	James Davis	Beverley South
24 Dec		Jim Davis	Pauline & Guy Knight	David Tyler Glenda Newholm		Kevin Brown	Maureen Lewis
25 Dec	Crawford Family	Crawford Family					
31 Dec	Steve Prior	Glenn Walsh	Jan & Phil Wiles	Iain Hemington & Beth Garrett		Steve Prior	Cherry Owen
07 Jan	Mike & Hester Fletcher		Pauline & Guy Knight	Merrie Reynolds Sally Stiven		David Owen	Tsitsi Danga
14 Jan	David & Amy Perkins		Glenda Newholm Angela Gardiner	Pauline & Guy Knight		Glenn Tainio	Iain Hemington

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