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# VINE WEEKLY

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## THIS WEEK

Sunday 24 Dec: Jim Davis will be speaking as we continue our Nativity study with 'Nativity Celebrated'. You can catch up on any previous sermons which are all available [online](#).

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

## NEXT WEEK

Sunday 31 Dec: Glenn Walsh will be speaking to us on Ephesians 1:15-21- 'Knowing God'.

## THE FOLLOWING WEEK

Sunday 07 Jan: 'It is Written' - Glenn Walsh speaks to us on 2 Timothy 3:16.

**Prayer Meeting** Sunday 07 Jan 19:00 at VEC led by Pastor Ben Cooper from Elim Pentecostal Church Swanley.

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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.

## PRAYER CALENDAR

The January prayer calendar should have already landed in your inbox, hard copies are also available at the back of church. Did you know you can sign up to receive daily prayer reminders via text? Please contact the [church office](#) if you'd like to receive these and they'll sort this out once the office is open again in the new year.

## SOMETHING TO SHARE...

 Chris Tomlin's version of a classic Christmas carol - [Joy to the World](#)  
([unspeakable Joy](#)) 

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](mailto:news@vec.org.uk).



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

***\*\*In an attempt to give you lots of notice for future Church Family Meetings here are proposed dates for 2018\*\****

- 04 Feb** - Church Family Meeting
- 20 May** - Church Family Meeting
- 30 Sept** - Church Family Meeting

Please put these in the diary. There may need to be a few other meetings throughout the year and we'll try and give you as much advance warning as possible.

## 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](mailto:news@vec.org.uk) at [news@vec.org.uk](mailto:news@vec.org.uk) by Wednesday each week.

## SEVENOAKS WELCOMES REFUGEES

Items required for refugee family arriving in Swanley. We are going to be welcoming a new refugee family to the Sevenoaks district in the near future which is excellent news! SWR have received the following list of items which will be urgently needed by the young family and are therefore appealing to your generosity at this busy time to help us obtain them. The list is as follows:

- TV
- Clothes horse
- Double buggy for 7 month old and 3 year old
- Coat hangers
- Children's toys suitable for 7 months (boy), 3 year old (girl) 5 year old (boy)
- Colouring pens, pencils, pads, paper, colouring books etc for children
- Any clothes suitable for the children
- Hats, scarfs, gloves for all of family
- A volunteer to attend the home to teach ESOL for the female (must have enhanced DBS) *Let us know if you need help with this*
- Adult clothing may be required, but we feel it is best to wait until their arrival as we are unsure of sizing etc.

Please contact Heather or Beverley ([sevenoakswelcomesrefugees@gmail.com](mailto:sevenoakswelcomesrefugees@gmail.com)/07767756675) as soon as possible either if you can provide any of the above.

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# FAMILY NEWS

**Margaret Lewis** is back in UK from Malawi, praise God! We don't know what her immediate plans are. We would ask the church family not to contact her directly at this point but we promise to up date you as more news comes in. Thank you for your prayers....they are being answered!

**The Mitchells** have their yearly open house again this Saturday 23 Dec from 10:00-18:00. If you need directions please get in touch with [Alistair](#).

**Mike & Jenny Moore** - many of you will remember the Moores, Mike has sent through his latest newsletter. Hard copies are available at the back of church or you can email [news@vec.org.uk](mailto:news@vec.org.uk) if you'd like an electronic copy. Please keep them in your prayers, in particular we pray for their health and for Mike as he recovers from a minor stroke.

**Gelly & Gail Villacorta** - please continue to pray for them as they await their residence 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.

**Stan & Becky King** are now back home in Canada after their break in Arizona. Please pray for them as they settle back in, in particular we pray for their job search; that the right doors will open and that they will know God's calling. Praise God that they have this Christmas with all their family around them.

**Paul South** has a new mobile number - 07949 020833 - please update your directories.

## VEC COMMUNITY

### 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) .

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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.

## SERVICE ROTA

Date	Leader	Speaker	Coffee	Welcome	Sound	Chairs	Communion
24 Dec	Chris Stiven	Jim Davis	Pauline & Guy Knight	David Tyler Glenda Newholm	COMING SOON!	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	Glenn Walsh	Pauline & Guy Knight	Merrie Reynolds Sally Stiven		David Owen	Tsitsi Danga
14 Jan	David & Amy Perkins	Glenn Walsh	Glenda Newholm Angela Gardiner	Pauline & Guy Knight		Glenn Tainio	Iain Hemington
21 Jan	Chris Stiven	Glenn Walsh	Merrie Reynolds Beth Garrett	Glenn & Kim Tainio		James Davis	Beverly South

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Office hours: 10:00-12:00  
Monday - Friday during term time

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

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