



VINE WEEKLY

THIS WEEK

Sunday 10 Dec: We continue our Nativity study with the Sunday Club leading our Nativity Service. Parents please make sure your children come to church early so they can get ready in plenty of time.

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

Carol service - Sunday 10 Dec 18:00-19:00 at VEC. Bring your friends along to join us as we continue our Christmas celebrations, followed by mince pies and mulled wine after the service.

NEXT WEEK

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

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

🎵 CAROL SERVICE THIS SUNDAY 🎵

This Sunday evening, 10 December 18:00, we have our carol service. We will enjoy carols and readings by candlelight and Glenn will be speaking to us. It's only a short service and will be followed by mince pies and mulled wine. We are hoping this is also a great opportunity to invite friends and family along to VEC.

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!

COLLECT YOUR STAMPS!

Just a reminder as the post comes in, please can you save all your used postage stamps. Laura Hagley can collect these all in and pass on to a Christian charity. Please leave any stamps in an envelope in Laura's pigeon hole at the back of church.

SOMETHING TO SHARE...



[Somewhere in Your Silent Night](#) by Casting Crowns



In case you missed this at the end of last week's service, or if you just want to listen again! Thank you David Garrett 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.



FAMILY NEWS

As the school holidays approach and with Christmas only a couple of weeks away, please pray for all of those who will be travelling over this period to visit family and friends.

VEC COMMUNITY

OTFORD METHODIST CHURCH MEN'S BREAKFAST

09 Dec at 08:30. Chris Naylor will be speaking on "Is Caring for the Environment just a matter of survival or is it really important?". Chris is CEO of A Rocha International, a Christian organisation engaging communities in nature conservation operating in 20 countries. The cost is £10. Please let Derek Baxter know if you are able to come (01959 523687) and bring a friend.

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](#).

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
10 Dec	Sunday Club	Children Nativity	Merrie Reynolds Beth Garrett	Pauline & Guy Knight	Paul S David K	Glen Tainio	Iain Hemington
10 Dec 18:00 Carols	David & Amy Perkins	Glenn Walsh	Liz Atkins Lois Davis	David Tyler Sally Stiven	James W Sam Fletcher	David Owen	N/A
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

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