



VINE WEEKLY

THIS WEEK

Sunday 14 Jan: 'Devoted To God' - Glenn Walsh speaks to us on Revelation 2:1-7 . You can catch up on Glenn's sermon last week - 'It is Written' - or any previous sermons which are all available [online](#).

Ripz and Soul Purpose Social: Film Night in Superhero Costume. Sunday 14 Jan 18:30 at VEC.

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 21 Jan: Glenn Walsh will be speaking to us on Acts 1: 1-5 'Transformed by the Spirit'.

Prayer Meeting Sunday 21 Jan 19:00 at VEC.

JANUARY TEACHING SERIES

We are currently exploring a mini-series for January looking in depth at our vision and values. What we believe and why we believe them.

On Sunday 07 Jan we looked at various scriptures including **John 8: 31-32** "*Jesus said, 'If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.'*" Therefore as followers of Jesus we not only take on board what he says but do all we can to become what He calls us to be. **Hebrews 12: 1-2** "*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer/author and perfecter of our*

faith". 1 Corinthians 4: 6 "Do not go beyond what is written."

"It is written" is quoted 19 times in the OT and 74 in the new, including 35 times by Jesus in the gospels when confronting his adversaries. As followers of Jesus our world view and identity must be, as his was, formed and based in what the Holy Spirit inspired and reveals through God's written word. **2 Timothy 3:16.**

On Sunday 14 Jan we will be exploring what it means to be "Devoted to the Father" using Revelation 2 as the main scripture **"To the Church in Ephesus"**.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14 Jan - Youth social: Film Night in Superhero Costume, 18:30 @VEC

28 Jan - Youth social: The Great British Bake Off, 18:30 @VEC

04 Feb - Church Family Meeting

25 Feb - Youth social: Games Night, 18:30 @VEC

11 Mar - Youth social: Service Night, 18:30 @VEC

25 Mar - Youth social: Egg Hunt @ Sinclair's

08 Apr - Youth social: Amazing Race @ Knole Park

22 Apr - Youth social: Nerf Guns, 18:30 @VEC.

20 May - Church Family Meeting

30 Sept - Church Family Meeting

BOUNTIFUL

Women's Christian Conference featuring key note speaker Gemma Hunt and worship led by Lou Fellingham and band. Saturday 03 February at Trinity School in Sevenoaks. Doors Open 09:30 for 10:00 start, finish at 15:00. More details on this exciting event which has been organised locally at bountiful-conference.org. You can buy tickets [online](#) or alternatively you can speak to [Rachel Cole](#).



SEVENOAKS WELCOMES REFUGEES

Advance notice of the dates for the monthly social gatherings for the families from Syria now re-settling in this part of Kent. As before, they will be on Saturdays from 18:00 - 19.45 at St Augustine's Church Hall in Tunbridge Wells. These gatherings are organised by Tunbridge Wells Welcomes Refugees. The dates fixed are: 27 January, 24 February, 24 March, 28 April, 26 May.

Please let SWR know if you can help with lifts for these events for the two families in Eynsford and Swanley – sevenoakswelcomesrefugees@gmail.com. The date of the next full group meeting of Sevenoaks Welcomes Refugees is Wednesday 14 March, from 19:30 – 21:00 at VEC.



FAMILY NEWS

Simeon & Jonina Garrett have sent their latest update from the Czech Republic. They had a busy December with their various ministries and a lovely Christmas with David and Beth visiting. You can read in more detail about their work with the homeless community up in the hills, with the youth group and with the brothels in their [newsletter](#). Hard copies will also be available in the entrance hall.

The Davis Family - please pray for Jim, Amy, Benjamin and Joshua as they make the transition to their new church in West Malling. Pray for them as they continue to build relationships in their new community and we ask that God may bless them richly.

VEC COMMUNITY

WEEK OF PRAYER

Churches Together in Sevenoaks & District - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2018 runs from Sunday 21 January to Sunday 28 January. On Sunday 21 at 16:00 St Mary's Church Kippington are holding a service - 'That All May Be Free' prepared by the Churches in the Caribbean. Richard Marchant will be speaking on 'Building Bridges with our Asian Neighbours'.

SALTMINE THEATRE COMING TO SEVENOAKS

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
14 Jan	David & Amy Perkins	Glenn Walsh	Glenda Newholm Angela Gardiner	Pauline & Guy Knight	James Davies Josh Davies	Glenn Tainio	Iain Hemington
21 Jan	Chris Stiven	Glenn Walsh	Merrie Reynolds Beth Garrett	Glenn & Kim Tainio	Sam Fletcher James W tbc	James Davis	Beverly South
28 Jan	Steve Prior	Glenn Walsh	Jan & Phil Wiles	Iain Hemington	Paul South Kim	Chris Brown	Maureen Lewis
04 Feb			Maureen Lewis Demi Whatty	Merrie Reynolds Xenia Crawford	James Davies Josh Davies	Steve Prior	Tsitsi Danga
11 Feb			Pauline & Guy Knight	Merrie Reynolds Xenia Crawford	Steve Prior Jonah Prior	David Owen	Iain Hemington

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