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# VINE WEEKLY

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## THIS WEEK

Sunday 21 Jan: We continue our series digging deeper into the vision and values of our church, Glenn Walsh will be speaking to us on Acts 1: 1-5 'Transformed by the Spirit'. You can catch up on previous talks in this series, or any others, which are all available [online](#).

Don't forget! As it's the third Sunday of the month we'll be gathering for our **Prayer Meeting** Sunday 21 Jan 19:00 at VEC.

## NEXT WEEK

Sunday 28 Jan: Glenn Walsh will be speaking to us on Mark 12: 28-34 & Lev 19: 18 - 'A Loving Family Drawing Others'.

**Ripz and Soul Purpose** social Sunday 28 Jan: The Great British Bake Off, 18:30 @VEC.

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## BOB

Band of Brothers (BOB) kicked off to a great start with 14 men enjoying David Owen's lasagne followed by a very lively discussion in part about how men can be more godly whilst driving, now there is a challenge! This Tuesday 23 Jan we continue looking at the statements of Jesus in our 'One Anothering' series.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have given stamps to Laura Hagley to pass onto the Sevenoaks Campaigners who collect and donate them to "The Leprosy Mission" - an international Christian charity working in over 50 countries towards the eradication of the causes and consequences of leprosy. They

Whether you are 21 or 81 BOB is a place for men to share life and faith so do feel free to join us. To help with catering please call or text 07442223550 before Tuesday if you would like to eat, we meet at the church from 19:00.

collect them all year round, not just at Christmas, so if you can continue to save them that would be great. You can either give them to Laura directly or put them in her pigeonhole under Hagley.

## SUNDAY TEACHING, A RECAP FROM GLENN...

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

Although the Church in Ephesus had an excellent reputation, one which most churches today would love to hear said about them, Jesus was about to remove them as a church because they had "Lost their First Love". "***Consider how far you have fallen!***" Jesus pleads with them.

The Bible calls us to be in love with God, to love ourselves, to love others even to the extent of loving our enemies. God is Love, the only conclusive way to truly love is by knowing that we are thoroughly and ruthlessly loved by the God who created us to be in relationship with himself.

We love because he first loved us (1 John 4:19). *He's a good good Father that's who he is and I'm loved by Him that's who I am.* The Apostle John described himself as the disciple who Jesus loved. I have an old t-shirt that says "Jesus Loves Everybody, But I'm His Favourite!" If we take what Jesus tells us to heart, through both the Bible and the Holy Spirit we should all feel able to wear that shirt.

This week Sunday 21 Jan we will be exploring how the Bible tells us to be ***Transformed by the Spirit.***

## SOMETHING TO SHARE...

In the Sunday services the last couple of weeks we have spoken about and sung the hymn 'It Is Well with My Soul'.

 Here is Bethel's version ['It is Well'](#) 

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).

## 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](http://bountiful-conference.org). You can buy tickets [online](#) or alternatively you can speak to [Rachel Cole](#).



## FAMILY NEWS

Have you got some family news or a prayer request that you'd like to share? You can email [news@vec.org.uk](mailto:news@vec.org.uk) and any updates will be shared here weekly.

# 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'.

## WOULD YOU ADAM AND EVE IT?

Searchlight Theatre Company presents a hilarious dash through the first 90 chapters of the bible in just 90 minutes! Hosted by St Stephen's church at the Schools at Somerhill, Tonbridge 19:00 on Saturday 10 Feb 2018. Doors open at 18:30, tickets are £10 per person and can be bought [here](#) or call 01732 771977.

## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SEVENOAKS AND DISTRICT: ECUMENICAL LENT GROUPS 2018

The York Lent Course for 2018 is entitled 'On the third day'. The speakers are Bishop John Pritchard, Bishop Tom Wright, Professor Paul Vallely and Rev Ruth Gee with closing reflections by Bishop Libby Lane. They run from Monday 19 Feb for five weeks. The cost to cover booklet, CD, transcript and postage will be £7 per participant (£9 for couples sharing a booklet). If you would like to attend there is a short form which needs to be completed by 29 January at the latest - please email [news@vec.org.uk](mailto:news@vec.org.uk) for a copy.

## 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. The performance starts at 20:00 and finish at 22:00 including a 20 minute interval. Tickets are £10 standard, £5 for 12-18s (Not suitable for under 12s), to book email [office@stnicholas-sevenoaks.org](mailto:office@stnicholas-sevenoaks.org).

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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
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			Glenda Newholm Demi Whatty	Merrie Reynolds Xenia Crawford	James Davies Josh Davies	Steve Prior	Tsitsi Danga
11 Feb			Pauline & Guy Knight	David T Glenda Newholm	Steve Prior Jonah Prior	David Owen	Iain Hemington
18 Feb			Maureen Lewis Beth Garrett	Pauline & Guy Knight	James Wickham David K	Glenn Tainio	Beverly South


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Monday - Friday during term time

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