



VINE WEEKLY

THIS WEEK

Sunday 28 Jan: The final in the series - digging deeper into the vision and values of our church. Glenn Walsh will be speaking to us on Mark 12: 28-34 & Lev 19: 18 - 'A Loving Family Drawing Others'. You can catch up on previous talks in this series, or any others, which are all available [online](#).

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

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 04 Feb: We start a new series, *Encounters with Jesus*. Glenn will speak to us on John 1: 43-51 - *Encounters with Jesus: Nathaniel*.

Church Family Meeting - Sunday 04 February. Our first CFM of 2018 is fast approaching. It will take place shortly after the morning service. On this occasion it will be a 'bring and share picnic'. This means that you should bring your own food and drink, including something to share and swap with others. The oven will not be available, so no hot dishes, please! There will be brief presentations on the 2017 income and expenditure, and on the strategic plan. Then there will be a Question & Answer session with Glenn. Please come with all the questions you would like to ask Glenn – about himself, his theology, his plans ... whatever!

Prayer Meeting Sunday 04 Feb 19:00 at VEC.

PRAY FOR THE CHILDREN & YOUTH TEAM

An Invitation from Glenn to come and pray for all Children & Youth team 09:00 the second Sunday of each month at VEC.

SOUL SURVIVOR

We are planning a youth residential camping trip with Soul Survivor week B Summer 2018 watch this space for more details.

BOUNTIFUL

It's not too late to get your tickets! Gemma Hunt will be speaking and Lou Fellingham and band leading the worship. Saturday 03 February at Trinity School in Sevenoaks. You can buy tickets [online](#) or alternatively you can speak to [Rachel Cole](#). More details at bountiful-conference.org

SNOWBOARD/ SKI TRIP

Late April Snowboard/Ski Trip to Tigne. Over past few years Glenn has taken mixed groups of Christians and non-Christians together to enjoy God's creation in the Alps. Naturally discussions on faith always occur. St Peters have invited us to join them as they carry this forward. If you are interested in joining the party this April 2018 please let Glenn know. Also in November St Peters Men's ministry have invited us to join them for a pre-season men's snowboard ski trip. Watch this for more details.

SUNDAY TEACHING, A RECAP FROM GLENN...

Last Sunday 21 January, we looked at the ongoing ministry of the Holy Spirit. Is there more in regard to the Holy Spirit or do we get it all at conversion? What does the Bible record? We must not go beyond what is written. (1 Cor 4:6)

From the onset of Jesus' ministry John the Baptist declares that Jesus will baptise with the Holy Spirit and with Fire, the birth of the Church held this in utmost importance. Before looking at what it means to be sealed with the Spirit, bearing fruit of the Spirit or even receiving gifts from the Holy Spirit we need to explore whether we are actually seeking Him as God instructs us to do so. For this we need to examine the early church's experience. The following passages seem to make it clear that we are called to live a life in Christ that is dependent on being filled with the Holy Spirit again and again, just as we are

dependent on food for sustenance and strength for our bodies so we need God's Holy Spirit to sustain us to abide in Christ and also to be "Clothed with power from on high".

Some helpful verses include: Matthew 3:11, John 15:26, Acts 1:4-5, Acts 8:15 -17 and Acts 19:2 "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."

Finally

Luke 11:11-13¹¹ "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? ¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, ***how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!***"



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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

***Please note that in correction the annual Easter-egg hunt at the Sinclair's will be taking place this year, but the date is currently tbc. Please watch this space! This is a family friendly event, specifically aimed at the young children. ***

SOMETHING TO SHARE...



A testimony from Paul South



Jehovah Jireh means God our provider. Isn't he just that - providing us with his love in many forms?

In the late 1970's and 1980's money was in short supply. I would grow extra

vegetables in our large garden so that the church members may have them free. And our Pastor, knowing I was an engineer, knew I had a serving heart and so told church members to see me if they had car issues. The only problem was that I was a Structural Engineer not a car mechanic! So, I thought, 'if he has the faith to send people along then I have the faith in God to teach me and provide the parts'. This he did and we saw many miracles in provision as well as physical miracles.

I spent 2017 planning my retirement and let my pension providers know. Come January 2018 however I was told it would be best to wait to retire until the new tax year in April as that's when my pension payments will start. I had not allowed for this, but God had... I had a phone call from my old boss who informed me I was to carry on receiving a salary even though I don't work there anymore. He explained this was in appreciation for the work I had done in previous years.

Isn't God Good!

He will bless us in all different ways. Beverley and I have had times when the monthly salary was not there and yet those months we have had the greatest financial blessing.

He loves us so much.



FAMILY NEWS

Stan & Becky King have settled into life in the snowy climates of Canada. They enjoyed the Christmas season with their family; all 18 of them were together. Stan has taken an administrative job with the provincial government, and Becky continues to look for work. They are very thankful for God graciously guiding and supporting us through this transition.

Gelly Villacorta would really appreciate prayers regarding her upcoming University interviews for a Nursing course. One is with University of Greenwich this Saturday and the other one with University of Hertfordshire on Wednesday. Her hope is to be in the University where God wills her to be.

They continue to pray daily for God's blessing on all of us. They think often of us.

VEC COMMUNITY

SEVENOAKS WELCOMES REFUGEES

Have published their latest newsletter. For an update on both the Swanley and Eynsford families and more details on the support required, donations and much more read [here](#), a hard copy will also be available in the entrance way.

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 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.

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	Worship Band
28 Jan	Steve Prior	Glenn Walsh	Jan & Phil Wiles	Iain Hemington	Paul South Kim	Chris Brown	Maureen Lewis	Chris Stiven
04 Feb	Glenn Walsh	Glenn Walsh	Glenda Newholm Demi Whatty	Merrie Reynolds Xenia Crawford	James Davies Josh Davies	Steve Prior	Tsitsi Danga	Chris Stiven
11 Feb	Max Sinclair tbc	Glenn Walsh	Pauline & Guy Knight	David T Glenda Newholm	Steve Prior Jonah Prior	David Owen	Iain Hemington	Tash Prior
18 Feb	Mike & Hester Fletcher tbc	Glenn Walsh	Maureen Lewis Beth Garrett	Pauline & Guy Knight	James Wickham David K	Glenn Tainio	Beverly South	Phil Wiles / Terry
25 Feb	David Garrett tbc	Glenn Walsh	Merrie Reynolds Angela Gardiner	Sally Stiven Beverly South	Paul South	James Davis	Maureen Lewis	Chris Stiven

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