



VINE WEEKLY

THIS WEEK

Sunday 04 Feb: We begin our new series, *Encounters with Jesus*. Glenn will be speaking on John 1: 43-51 - *Encounters with Jesus: Nathaniel*. You can catch up on previous talks which are all available [online](#).

Church Family Meeting - Our first CFM of 2018 will take place shortly after the morning service. It will be a 'bring and share picnic', so please 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.

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 11 Feb: We continue the *Encounters with Jesus* series. Glenn Walsh will be speaking on John 3:1-18 - *Encounters with Jesus: Nicodemus*.

GIVING

“Each of you should have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves the cheerful giver” 2 Corinthians 9:7

Thank you for partnering with us with your financial giving either through the offertory box or bank direct credits. If you are a UK tax payer you will know

how beneficial it is to VEC to give using the gift aid scheme. Circumstances do change though and it may be that the gift aid scheme is no longer appropriate. The start of the year is a good time to review this. If you wish to talk to someone about giving please speak to [Cherry](#), [Chris](#) or [Guy](#).

BOB

Band of Brothers meets this Tuesday 06 Feb at the Church, 19:30 if you wish to eat with us and 20:00 onward for our continued discussion and thinking around 'Authentic relationships'. If you would like to join us you would be very welcome, we are a friendly bunch who enjoy lots of banter alongside seeking to support and encourage one another in our Christian faith.

FIRE SAFETY TIP

Alan's fire safety tip: Have you thought about checking your smoke detector? Lightly dust your alarm with a soft brush or Hoover and press your test button to check its all working.

MISSING

UMBRELLA PLEA

Someone might have mistakenly picked up Cherry's new umbrella which she left in the foyer on the floor next to the bin as you enter through the double doors. It was no longer there when she went to get it after the Sunday service 2 weeks ago (21/1/18) when it was snowing. It is a small, black retractable umbrella with a small orange logo on the strap. If found please return to Cherry.

MEN'S WEEKEND

Tickets are now available and bookings taken for this year's 'The Gathering', a weekend for men of all ages. Camping in a field near Swindon with 3,000 other men, enjoying chat whilst burning sausages on a BBQ and listening to inspiring stories of lives changed by Jesus. We have a handful of tickets at the ridiculous price of £75 after which the current sale price is £94, so get booking.

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.

FULL ENGLISH BREAKFAST

That caught your attention! On Saturday 24 Feb St Peter's Church will be hosting a speaker and full English breakfast, served from 10:00. (Please arrive from 09:30 for tea, coffee and banter in the lounge). Charles Eastland, an ordinary guy who has been given a second chance in life following a near death experience, will be sharing his story. This is one not to miss and one to invite your mates to, why not buy their breakfast too? It could be the best breakfast story they will ever hear; full of the good news of Jesus and the grace we all get to receive. The cost is £5 on the door and over the coming weeks/days St Peters need names and numbers totaled to ensure we have enough food for the event. Speak to [Glenn](#) for more details.

SUNDAY TEACHING, NOTES FROM GLENN...

On Sunday 04 Feb we begin a new series called "Encounters with Jesus" going through John's Gospel. Starting with John 1:43-51 Jesus calls Philip & Nathanael.

In Verse 48 Nathanael asked "How do you know me?".

We will examine the prophetic gift of "the word of knowledge" mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12:8, through which both believer and non-believer can come to realise He/Jesus knows us totally - I wonder what Nathanael was thinking about under the fig tree?

Other scriptures where Jesus shows that he knows a person completely are:

- **John 4: 39-42:** *Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I've ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. And because of his words many more became believers. They said to the woman, 'We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Saviour of the world.'*
- **Luke 19** Zacchaeus (Hidden up a sycamore fig tree but Jesus calls him by name)
- **Luke 5: 8** *When Simon Peter saw this [catch of fish], he fell at Jesus' knees and said, 'Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!'*

Remember Jesus could only do what he saw his Father doing and was totally reliant on the Holy Spirit - as we surrender to Jesus and become more reliant on the Holy Spirit we too can have Him reveal to us what only God could know about others. 1 Corinthians 14:1 *Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy.* Jesus said in Luke 11:9 *'Ask and it will be*

given to you' and verse 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!'

I have personally seen people come under conviction when they realise not only does God know them completely, but also loves them completely and wants them to come to completeness through repentance. Holy Spirit is the greatest evangelist and invites us to join in with Him reaching the lost and bringing freedom to all. Let's together invite His leading and equipping and learn to walk as Jesus walked, ministering as He ministered.

John 20:31 *But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. John 4: And we know that this man really is the Saviour of the world.*



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 and any updates will be shared here weekly.

VEC COMMUNITY

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 Sat 10 Feb 2018. Doors open at 18:30, tickets are £10 per person and can be bought [here](#) or call 01732 771977.

CHRISTIAN AID FRUGAL LUNCH

Sun 04 March, 12:30 at St Mary's Parish Centre, Kippington Road. David Muir, Christian Aid Regional Coordinator, will be talking about this year's focus for Christian Aid Week, 13-19 May, 'TOGETHER WE'RE STRONGER THAN THE STORMS'. Come along and enjoy a basic lunch with new and old friends. There is no charge but we ask you to give as a donation the amount of money you would normally spend on Sunday lunch.

JESUS DEAD AND BURIED?

Premier of a new documentary, written and directed by Ronald Clements, which Roger Malstead has been working on. Premiere being shown at West Kingsdown Baptist Church, Sun 04 March 16:00.

SALTMINE THEATRE COMING TO SEVENOAKS

Saltmine Theatre Company will be putting on "Darkness Falls - John's Gospel" on Tues 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 |
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| 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 | Glenn Walsh | Pauline & Guy Knight | David T Glenda Newholm | Steve Prior Jonah Prior | David Owen | Iain Hemington | Tash Prior |
| 18 Feb | Mike & Hester Fletcher | Glenn Walsh | Maureen Lewis Beth Garrett | Sally Stiven Beverly South | James Wickham David K | Glenn Tainio | Beverly South | Phil Wiles / Terry |
| 25 Feb | David Garrett | Glenn Walsh | Merrie Reynolds Angela Gardiner | Pauline & Guy Knight | Paul South | James Davis | Maureen Lewis | Chris Stiven |
| 04 Mar | Steve Prior | Glenn Walsh | Jan & Phil Wiles | Merrie Reynolds Xenia Crawford | Sam Fletcher David K | Chris Brown | Tsitsi Danga | Phil Wiles / Terry |

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