



VINE WEEKLY

THIS 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*. You can catch up on previous talks which are all available [online](#).

Pray for the Children & Youth Team - An Invitation from Glenn to come and pray for the whole team, 09:00 @VEC.

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 18 Feb: *Encounters with Jesus: Samaritan Woman*. Glenn Walsh will be speaking on John John 4:1-26.

Prayer gathering - Sunday 18 Feb 19:00-20:00 at VEC. Join the church family as we come together and pray.



EASTER EGG HUNT

Easter Sunday 15:30 -17:00 at Max and Sue Sinclair's, Lawn Cottage, Bitchet Green. A fun, family-friendly event for toddlers, primary school children and their accompanying adults. The older children will hunt in a different area from the toddlers to avoid accidents! There will also be cartoon scrolls to find, telling the real meaning of Easter. Tea and cake for all served afterwards. This is a great opportunity to invite your non-church friends. Please let or [Sue or Laura H](#) know if you are coming and how many – or there won't be enough eggs and cakes!

THE GATHERING

'It'll be out of this world'... am I talking about Glenn's next sermon or Chris' next round of golf? No, it's the theme for this years men's weekend! If you fancy the idea of spending a weekend poking sausages on the fire and drinking a beer whilst chewing over the meaning of life then 'The Gathering' is for you. It takes place the weekend of 22-24 June in a field near Swindon, we currently have a few tickets at £75 after which they increase to the price of £105. Please speak to [David Garrett](#) for more details or check out the website at thegatheringformen.com.

SAYT

Important update from Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust (SAYT) - an organisation in Sevenoaks that as a church we support. As has sometimes happened in the past, SAYT are finding it hard to recruit youth workers and volunteers. They believe there is still as much a need for SAYT today as there was when it was first set up in 2001. You can read more about the current job vacancy and also more details on how we can come alongside SAYT in prayer [here](#). In particular please pray for their part time youth worker, Julie, and small group of dedicated volunteers.

SUMMER...

It may only be February but are you already day dreaming of warmer weather?! Already thinking about those long summer weeks?

...The children constantly asking you if there is anything to eat in the house or what are we doing today? That was David G's house over many school holidays and he may have just the thing for you... Pioneer Camp is a great opportunity for the kids to enjoy a few nights under the Suffolk skies in a tent with their peers. It is a Christian camp with activities, games and teaching. Pioneer Camp has been around for 65 years and many youngsters from VEC have been and had lives changed in the past. It is very affordable and if you would like more details leaflets are on the table in entrance hall or speak to [David Garrett](#).



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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

01 Apr - Easter Sunday! Children's Easter egg hunt, 15:30 @ the

Sinclair's

08 Apr - Youth social: Amazing Race @ Knole Park

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

20 May - Church Family Meeting

26-27 May - Big Church Day Out

22-24 Jun - The Gathering (Men's weekend)

18-22 Aug - We are planning a youth residential camping trip with Soul Survivor week B watch this space for more details.

30 Sept - Church Family Meeting

SUNDAY TEACHING, A RE-CAP FROM GLENN...

On Sunday 4th Feb we kicked-off our new series "Encounters with Jesus" going through John's Gospel. We Started with John 1:43-51 Jesus calls Philip & Nathanael.

In Verse 48 Nathanael asked "How do you know me?" We examined 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 Samaritans believe after Jesus talks with a Samaritan Woman).
- **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 Holy Spirit - as we surrender to Jesus and become more reliant on Holy Spirit we too can have Him reveal to us what only God could know about others. Read 1 Corinthians 14:1 and Luke 11:9, 13.

Holy Spirit is the greatest evangelist and invites us to join in with Him reaching the lost and bringing freedom to all. ***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

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.

OTFORD METHODIST CHURCH MEN'S BREAKFAST

10 Mar at 08:30 at the church. Stephen Addison will be speaking. After gang membership and an early career in crime, Stephen became a Christian and started a charity, Box Up Crime, that encourages young people into the gym and out of gangs. He is working hard to counter knife crime and his work has been recognized by the Mayor of London. The cost is £10.00, please let Derek Baxter know if you are able to come (01959 523687).

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
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
11 Mar	David C	Chris Gawn	Maureen Lewis Demi Whatty	Glenn & Kim Tainio	James Davies Josh Davies	Steve Prior	Iain Hemington	Tash Prior

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