



VINE WEEKLY

THIS WEEK

Sunday 06 May: Glenn Walsh will be speaking on Genesis 6, *A Legacy of Faith: Noah*. You can catch up on previous talks which are available [online](#).

NB no **Youth Alpha** this week.

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 13 May: Glenn Walsh will be speaking on Genesis 12:1-9, *A Legacy of Faith: Abram*.

CHURCH VACANCY

Strong organisational and communication skills? Would you describe some of your key characteristics as honesty, warmth, diplomacy and integrity? Then keep reading! VEC are advertising for the position of Church Administrator. This vacancy is an exciting opportunity for those with administrative gifting and relevant experience. The leadership invites applications from amongst the church family. If you are interested and think this could be you then please read the [full advert and job description here](#) or email news@vec.org.uk for a copy. Closing date 20 May.

PRAYER DIARY

May's prayer diary has been published and should have landed in your inbox on Monday, if have not not received this and would like to then please email the [office](#). Many thanks to Demi for compiling this. If you would like the contents text to you on a daily basis, again please email the [office](#).

DATA PROTECTION

As you will know the data protection laws are changing on 25 May. The trustees of VEC have been working to ensure that we comply with the regulations. We have completed an audit of the data we hold, rewritten our Data Protection Policy to reflect the changes and believe that we have a legitimate interest to hold the data identified. In the next couple of weeks we will be distributing a letter explaining this. The letter will be sent out by email but there will be some hard copies for those who do not have this medium of communication.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

20 May - Church Family Meeting

26-27 May - Big Church Day Out. More info [online](#). Join the group from VEC using the [Group Booking Link](#), speak to Dan &

Rachel Cole for more info.

05 Jun - Connected – Confident Parenting In A Digital Age. Care for the Family event, 19:30 @ Tonbridge Baptist Church. More info [here](#).

22-24 Jun - The Gathering (Men's weekend). Fire and beer in a field near Swindon! Speak to [David Garrett](#) for more details or check out the [website](#).

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

30 Sept - Church Family Meeting

SUNDAY TEACHING, GLENN'S RE-CAP...

Last Sunday we had the pleasure of Simon Lissak from Chosen People Ministries talk to us from Numbers 22 through to Numbers 24, where Balak the King of Moab summons Balaam the Prophet to curse the people of God. To Balak's dismay, Balaam has to learn that no-one can curse those God has blessed. Israel is blessed through God's covenant with them because of Abraham's obedience; we are blessed not only by that same fact but also because of the new covenant through the blood of Jesus. 1 Corinthians 6:20 "you were bought at a price".

Romans 8: 31-33 "What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can stand against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen?" Continued from 38-39: "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord".

"Be very secure in our Lord's protection, you are blessed in Him and no curse against you can stand! You are called, chosen, loved by the one who has the name above all names Jesus!"

In Love Glenn

CONNECTED – CONFIDENT PARENTING IN A DIGITAL AGE

How do we as parents embrace the positive aspects of digital life whilst helping our children navigate through the associated dangers such as bullying, pornography and the pressure for likes?

Care for the Family are holding their new event *Connected - Confident Parenting in a Digital Age* at Tonbridge Baptist Church on Tuesday 5 June 19:30-22:00. They're passionate about supporting mums, dads and carers looking to power up their parenting for the online generation. Katharine Hill and Philip Jinadu will honestly and practically discuss the opportunities and challenges the digital world brings. Read about the speakers and more event details [here](#). Tickets £6.00, available [online](#) or call 029 2081 0800. See fliers in front lobby.



FAMILY NEWS

Simeon and Jonina Garrett have sent their latest [missions update](#).

Gelly and Gail Villacorta are such a blessing to our church family life and

Things are tough in the Czech Republic, please continue to lift them up in prayer. They have the opportunity for some respite in September, but with a busy summer ahead we pray that they may feel strengthened and refreshed even before this, secure in the knowledge that they are equipped for the work God has set out. You can read all about their Summer schedule and an update on the last few weeks in their newsletter, hard copies also available in the entrance hall.

we are grateful for all they do to serve VEC. We continue to pray for their legal team as they prepare for their appeal and for the hearing itself on 16 May. May both Gelly and Gail know God's peace that passes all understanding.

Continue to remember Contact in your prayers. We are thankful for the volunteers who run this service and pray for the children and parents who attend.

VEC COMMUNITY

AN EVENING WITH TERRY WAITE

Saturday 19 May 18:30 at St Bartholomew's Church, Otford. To mark the completion of the re-ordering and redecoration project, St Bartholomew's will be welcoming Terry Waite to Otford for a special evening when he will be in conversation with former BBC broadcaster, Nick Page. This will be followed by a reception with canapes and Terry's books will be available to be bought and signed. Tickets are available from the [Church Office](#) 01959 523185 (mornings only) and Joan Beacom 01959 524304, price £20. Proceeds to Church Funds. More info [here](#).

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	06 May	13 May	20 May	27 May	03 Jun
Leader	Chris Stiven	Mike & Hester Fletcher (tbc)	Stephen Prior (tbc)	David Crawford (tbc)	Max & Sue Sinclair (tbc)
Speaker	Glenn Walsh	Glenn Walsh	Glenn Walsh	tbc	tbc
Coffee	Merrie Reynolds Guy Knight	HELP NEEDED	Maureen Lewis Beth Garrett	Pauline & Guy Knight	Glenda Newholm +1 tbc
Welcome	Sally Stiven Xenia Crawford	Merrie Reynolds Beverly South	Glenn & Kim Tainio	David T Glenda Newholm	Iain Hemington
Sound	Paul South	Sam Fletcher David K	tbc	tbc	tbc
Chairs	James Davis	Chris Brown	Stephen Prior	David Owen	Glenn Tainio
Communion	Tsitsi Danga	Iain Hemington	Beverly South	Maureen Lewis	Tsitsi Danga
Worship Band	Acoustic Week (Gelly)	Tash Prior	Chris Stiven	Acoustic week (Chris)	Tash Prior
Fire	David Tyler David Perkins	Paul South Dan Cole	Alan Linton Chris Brown	David Owen Glenn Tainio	David Garrett Guy Knight

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