



VINE WEEKLY

THIS WEEK

Sunday 11 November: James Bell will be speaking to us on 1 Samuel 10:9-26, *Samuel & Saul* as we continue our preaching series *A Legacy of Faith..* You can catch up on previous talks from the series [online](#).

Arts & Crafts afternoon Saturday 10 November at VEC from 14:30. Join Sarah Walsh for some simple poppy themed crafts with the intention of using our creations to decorate the church for Sunday's service. Old clothes or an apron for little ones might be wise as there will be some painting activities. All ages are welcome and there will be some snacks too to tempt you further!

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 18 November: *A Legacy of Faith: The Lord rejects Saul*. Glenn Walsh will be preaching on 1 Samuel 13:9-14 and 15:10-35.

Prayer gathering Sunday 18 November 19:00-20:00 @ VEC, join us as we come together as a church family to pray.

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

Thank you to all those who picked up shoe boxes for the box appeal from Samaritans Purse. We ordered 50 boxes and there are none remaining. Can you please remember to return them on Sunday 11 November packed and

with the label attached showing if the box is for a boy or a girl with the age displayed. If you are not around Sunday then please ensure your box is with the office at VEC for Wednesday 14 November. We are on a short time scale with the boxes needing to be at the distribution point by 18 November. You can see the [full video here](#) about the value of these gifts to the recipients. Please remember that you can pray for the child who will receive the box. Unknown to you but know by God. If you wish to donate to the cost of Samaritans Purse distributing these boxes please put any gift in the offertory marked 'Samaritans Purse.'

FUNDRAISER

On Saturday 17 of November, Molly (Glenn's daughter) will be holding a cards, coffee and cake morning at VEC from 10:00 - 12:00 noon. This is to raise funds for the Asthma Society, as sadly her friends father died suddenly from the disease last year. This is open to everyone, so please come along to support her.

DIRECTORY

Thanks to everyone who has sent updated pictures and contact details for the Church Directory. Eloise is hoping to get this completed by the end of next week, so if you still haven't sent the information through, please could you email the details and photos to office@vec.org.uk as soon as possible.

CHURCH FAMILY MEETING

The minutes are now available from the last Church Family Meeting, these were emailed round this week. If you did not receive a copy and would like to then please email office@vec.org.uk.

SEVENOAKS WELCOMES REFUGEES

SWR Have produced short piece about the history of refugees in the Sevenoaks area. You can [read the piece online](#) or hard copies available in the entrance hall. If you'd like to help support refugees from Syria now living in our community, or know more about what the local refugee support group is doing, please contact Humphrey Pring, chair of Sevenoaks Welcomes Refugees at sevenoakswelcomesrefugees@gmail.com



FAMILY NEWS

Welcome to the Colemans! This past Sunday the Elders welcomed Dan & Elena Coleman into the church family after they had expressed their desire to make VEC their new spiritual home. They have been attending VEC since the beginning of the year, having been at Bessels Baptist previously where they got married just over a year ago. Elena came to Sevenoaks from Romania about 13 years ago to *au pair* for a family at St Nic's. Dan has Irish ancestry, although was born in England. Their joining VEC adds to the international flavour and richness in diversity of our church family. Their interests include renovating their home, so they have lots of good ideas for those thinking about doing the same! They will join the Wiles' Church Family Group.

Please feel free to introduce yourselves to Dan & Elena and welcome them to VEC too.

Sue & Alistair Mitchell continue their History Troupe assemblies this week, please keep them in your prayers, more details below.

VEC COMMUNITY

THE HISTORY TROUPE

The coming week's assemblies are as follows. Mon 12 Nov Otford 10:10. Tue 13 Nov West Malling 10:10. Wed 14 Nov Granville 8:50, Dunton Green 10:30, Toast Club 2:30. Thur 15 Nov Sundridge & Brasted 09:30, Chevening 10:25.

UNDERSTANDING THIS GENERATION

...Transforming children's mental health & how the Church can be a part of the

A note from Jana...I wanted to write and say thanks for the brilliant send off you gave me just before I left for Hucclecote, I absolutely loved the tea party and games. Thank you too for the 'Sevenoaks' presents which I shall enjoy using. I love the practical gifts from places I've lived or visited so they were perfect. The move has gone smoothly so far. Leaving Otford went very smoothly, I am now awaiting the departure of the tenant so that I can exchange on my new house. In the mean time I have been doing some research on the local area. I will miss my VEC family very much but will continue to pray for you all. Lots of love, Jana.

Simeon & Jonina Garrett will be moving back to the UK and are in need of a place to store some boxes starting in December until July. If you have any place that could hold boxes please let them know at ywamsim@gmail.com. You can also read their latest [newsletter here](#) or hard copies available in the entrance hall.

solution. [Fegan's](#) are hosting an evening of inspirational talks and practical advice on how we can work together to understand and guide the next generation. Monday 26 November 19:30 – 21:30 at Christ Church, High Street, Tunbridge Wells. For more info and to book now [see here](#). Please note a £5 donation on the evening would be gratefully received to help cover costs of the event

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	11 Nov	18 Nov	25 Nov	02 Dec	09 Dec
Leader	Glenn Walsh	Mike & Hester Fletcher	Mike & Hester Fletcher	Glenn Walsh	David Garrett
Speaker	James Bell	Glenn Walsh	Glenn Walsh	Glenn Walsh	Glenn Walsh
Coffee	Glenda Newholm Demi Whatty	Pauline & Guy Knight	Beth Garrett Maureen Lewis	David Matthew	Merrie Reynolds Demi Whatty
Welcome	Beverly South Cherry & Henry	Glenda Newholm David Tyler	Pauline & Guy Knight	Iain Hemington Beth Garrett	Glenn & Kim Tainio
Sound Technician	!Help needed!	Paul South	Sam Fletcher	!Help needed!	!Help needed!
Computer	!Help needed!	Kim Tainio	David Kiddu	!Help needed!	!Help needed!
Chairs	Margaret Lewis	David Owen	Lloyd Mullins	Margaret Lewis	Chris Brown
Communion	Iain Hemington	Beverley South	Maureen Lewis	Tsitsi Danga	Iain Hemington
Worship Band	Dan Cole	Chris Stiven	David Perkins	Chris Stiven	David Perkins
Fire	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc

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