



VINE WEEKLY

THIS WEEK

Sunday 23 December: Glenn Walsh will be speaking to us on *Jesus* as part of the *A Legacy of Faith* series. You can catch up on previous talks from the series [online](#).

Tuesday 25 December: Join us as Aaron and Louise Garrett lead in our Christmas Day celebration, 10:30 @VEC.

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 30 December: Glenn Walsh will be speaking to us on 1 Samuel 14:1-23, *A Legacy of Faith - Jonathan*.

THE WEEK AFTER

Sunday 06 January: Glenn Walsh will be speaking to us on *Saul's growing fear of David* from 1 Samuel 18:1-9 as part of the *A Legacy of Faith* series.

Prayer Gathering Sunday 06 Jan 19:00-20:00 @VEC.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Wow this year has just flown by and with the business of getting ready for Christmas it's quite hard to catch a breath. Just two Sunday's ago I was invited to speak at another church's evening service, after which some representatives from the leadership approached me and said; "We are looking for a new minister would you be interested?". My immediate response (after laughing) was "No thank you I am very happy at VEC". Out of the heart the mouth doth speak. My hope this Christmas time is that we can all say the same, that through the challenges life brings, the confusing roads we have to traverse, even through the times of anguish and joy that come along, that in our heart of hearts we know that we are in the place God wants us to be in. Stop take a breath and listen to your heart. Our hope is just like the Shepherds and the Wise Men alike, together we find Jesus our saviour and friend.

Three times at various meetings last week and twice this week God has thrust this verse to me: Romans 12:2 "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, **but be transformed by the renewing of your mind**. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will".

Let's pray together that we will be transformed together as a community, journeying into God's purposes for us into 2019 and beyond.

We love you VEC, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Love Glenn & Sarah.



WALKING OFF THE TURKEY



Saturday 29 December - Church family walk followed by refreshments at VEC. Meet at church at 09:30. Please wear suitable footwear as it will be muddy! Bring your leftover mince pies, chocolates, cakes etc and after the walk we will share whatever there is over a warming cuppa. If you can't walk

then meet at the church around 11:00 for refreshments . Everyone welcome.
For more info contact [Sue and Alan](#).

COLLECT YOUR USED STAMPS

A reminder to save any used stamps as they will be collected and donated to a Christian charity. They can actually be collected all year round, so if any can be brought from home of the office etc please either give them directly to Laura Hagley or leave them in the pigeon hole for her to collect. Thank you!



FAMILY NEWS

A message from Jana Godfrey: Hello Everyone! I am settling into my new home and neighbourhood. I have lots of work to do on the house (repairs and redecoration) so I have been getting quotes in. I am not getting lost as frequently so I am beginning to feel more like a local. I have been visiting lots of different churches in my search for a new church home. Wishing you all a happy Christmas, Love Jana.

VEC COMMUNITY

CRIB TRAIL 2019

12 churches and over 30 shops will take part in this year's Crib Trail in Sevenoaks, Riverhead, Otford, Seal and Westerham. The churches will be open for 2 1/2 hours from 10:00 to 12:30 on December 29 to enable members of the public to come in and see their Nativity Scenes or Cribs. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to enjoy a morning walk visiting the churches and looking at the different ways each depict the birth of Jesus. Some will be offering a welcoming cup of tea. Plan your route to take in the shops as well and try to find the cribs in their windows. Some are quite small, so keep looking! The list of all participating churches and shops will be on the 'Crib Sheet' handout, available at your first church.

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	23 Dec	25 Dec	30 Dec	06 Jan	13 Jan
Leader	Max & Sue Sinclair	Louise & Aaron Garrett	Glenn Walsh	David Garrett	Chris Stiven
Speaker	Glenn Walsh		Glenn Walsh	tbc	tbc
Coffee	Beth Garrett Maureen Lewis	tbc	Merrie Reynolds Glenda Newholm	Beth Garrett Demi Whatty	Merrie Reynolds Glenda Newholm
Welcome	Sally Stiven Glenda Newholm	tbc	Pauline & Guy Knight	Glenn & Kim Tainio	Sally Stiven David Tyler
Sound Technician	Sam Fletcher	tbc	!Help needed!	!Help needed!	!Help needed!
Computer	Kim Tainio	tbc	!Help needed!	!Help needed!	!Help needed!
Chairs	Lloyd Mullins	tbc	Lloyd Mullins	Chris Brown	Lloyd Mullins
Communion	Maureen Lewis	tbc	Iain Hemington	Tsitsi Danga	Iain Hemminton
Worship Band	Chris Stiven	Gail Villacorta	Dan Cole	tbc	tbc
Fire	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc

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