



VINE WEEKLY

THIS WEEK

Sunday 09 December: Join us for our Nativity service as part of our morning worship. You can catch up on previous talks from the *A Legacy of Faith* series [online](#).

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 16 December: Jim Davis is coming back to visit and will be talking on *Jesus the Son*.

Carols by Candlelight Sunday 16 December 18:30 @ VEC. There will be mulled wine and mince pies! Please invite friends, there are fliers to hand out on the sound desk.



....15-17 February 2019 RIPZ and Soul Purpose weekend at Carroty Wood. To confirm you are going please see [Lloyd](#) and put down a deposit of £10 by 16 December.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Please let [Demi](#) know any prayer requests for the new year as she is now putting together the next prayer diary for January.

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!

If you play an instrument and are interested in joining the worship band, or if you have a good ear for music and would like to hear more about joining our team of sound technicians, please come and chat to [David Perkins](#) - we'd love to hear from you!

WATOTO UPDATE FROM MERRIE

Thank you to everyone who came to hear about my trip to Uganda and especially those kind hearted people who helped with setting up and refreshments. I have received a brief update from Uganda which I wanted to share with you. Schools are closed in December and January in Uganda as this is the hottest time of the year. Consequently the knickers which were donated will be given out in February at the beginning of the new term. Regarding the Peanut grinding mill, this is being dealt with by the Procurement team. The mill has been ordered from China and is expected to arrive early 2019. I will let you know when I hear any more. The Watoto Children's Choir are launching their 2019 UK Tour on 12 January so I will check their schedule and see if they are performing locally at any point in their 6 month tour in case you might like to see the choir in action! Thank you again for your prayerful interest.

THAT ADVENT PUPPET CALENDAR APP!

The FREE That Advent Puppet Calendar App that Daniel Cole, Alistair and Sue Mitchell have been working on is now ready to download. Enjoy the daily clips of Puppets form D in the run up to Christmas!

[Click here for the Android/Google Version](#)

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CHOOSE LOVE

With all the hype around Christmas shopping, what would happen if we bought items that could make a real difference to someone's life? [Choose Love](#), the world's first store where you can buy real gifts for refugees, contains practical items like tents, nappies and sleeping bags. But instead of taking them home, each purchase buys a similar item for someone who truly needs it. Read all about it and get involved [here](#).



FAMILY NEWS

VEC COMMUNITY

RIVERHEAD CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2018

Taking place at St Mary's Church, Riverhead. Saturday 08 December 09:30 - 16:30 and Sunday 09 December 11:00 - 16:00. Carol Service amid the trees at 15:00 on Sunday 09 December. All welcome!

SEVENOAKS WELCOMES REFUGEES

All welcome at the end of year meeting and social on Wednesday 19 December, 19:30 @VEC. We'll be celebrating the progress we've made together this year and setting out what we're aiming to achieve for the refugees next year. There will be food and drink to enjoy. Everyone is encouraged to bring something to the table – literally! Please bring along some food to share. During the evening we will also have a charity auction and tombola to raise funds. **We're looking for donations for the auction and tombola** – please let us know if you can contribute things that we can re-cycle into cash e.g. a box of chocolates, a bottle of wine (or something stronger), restaurant vouchers.

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	09 Dec	16 Dec	23 Dec	25 Dec	30 Dec
Leader	David Garrett	Chris Stiven	Max & Sue Sinclair	tbc	Glenn Walsh
Speaker	Glenn Walsh	Jim Davis	Glenn Walsh	tbc	Glenn Walsh
Coffee	Glenda Newholm Demi Whatty	Pauline & Guy Knight	Beth Garrett Maureen Lewis	tbc	Merrie Reynolds Glenda Newholm
Welcome	Glenn & Kim Tainio	Beverley South Glenda Newholm	Merrie Reynolds Glenda Newholm	tbc	Pauline & Guy Knight
Sound Technician	!Help needed!	Paul South	Sam Fletcher	tbc	!Help needed!
Computer	!Help needed!	David Kiddu	Kim Tainio	tbc	!Help needed!
Chairs	Chris Brown	Margaret Lewis	David Owen	tbc	Lloyd Mullins
Communion	Iain Hemington	Beverley South	Maureen Lewis	tbc	!Help needed!
Worship Band	David Perkins	Gail Villacorta	Chris Stiven	Gail Villacorta	Dan Cole
Fire	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc