



Annual Report

November 2016

For use at the Open AGM
17th November 2016
at St Johns Hill United Reformed Church,
Sevenoaks
(7.30 for 8pm)

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**Churches Together in Sevenoaks and District
Officers and Executive Committee 2015 – 2016**

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Treasurer (From 2001)

Douglas Seal
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Deceased August 2016

Secretary (From Nov 2009))

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Jean Day
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for Social Concern**

Graham Roper
St Mary Kippington (CofE)

North West Fellowship

Revd Canon David Kitley
St Mary's Kippington (CofE)

Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust

Caroline Berry
St Nicholas (CofE)

Co-opted Members

Elizabeth Dwinell
(Society of Friends)
Pastor Stanley King
(Vine Evangelical Church)
Anne Straight
St Mary Riverhead (CofE)

Events & Publicity

Pat Harman (RC)
Valerie Ruddle (Methodist)

**So in Christ we who are many form one body,
and each member belongs to all the others.**

Romans 12:5 (NIV)

CTSD Chairman's Report 2016

Once again this year has been busy.

Christmas 2015 saw the introduction of a new venture - the Crib Trail in Sevenoaks. This proved to be very popular over the festive season. Plans are in place to organise something similar for the current year with an enlarged group of Churches participating.

St John's URC organised a hustings meeting in advance of the 'Brexit' Referendum with support from CTSD. This event was well supported and proved to be an interesting evening. Many thanks to all involved.

CTSD and its associated charities were represented at the Sevenoaks Charity Fayre in mid-summer. This was another opportunity for Churches to reach out to the community at large.

Sadly, in August, our Treasurer, Douglas Seal, passed away after a short illness. Douglas had been heavily involved in ecumenical activity in the Sevenoaks area for many years, in particular acting as Treasurer of CTSD and its predecessor organisations for over 40 years. We shall miss his wealth of experience. Our thoughts and prayers are with his widow, Marigold, and the family.

We are currently seeking a volunteer to take on the role of Treasurer. Please would anyone interested contact me or Isobel White to discuss what is involved.

Turning to matters financial, we have consciously reduced our accumulated reserves over the last couple of years with a substantial sum of money being spent on Christmas advertising in the local press (In earlier years this was often funded by a separate levy). We have decided that the cost benefit of such advertising does not justify repeating this activity in the current environment. With our reserves now at a reduced level, we need to ensure that our income substantially covers our committed outgoings. Against this background, the Executive Committee recommend that subscriptions are increased to £15 per member Church for the year to 30 September 2017. In considering the level of this increase, it should be noted that subscriptions have remained constant for at least 7 years. Historically subscriptions were largely collected in August for the year ending that September. (ie basically in arrears). In the current year, for many Churches, the process was brought forward to the spring and for 2017, to bring matters more in line with normal practice, we intend that all subscription requests will go out early in the new calendar year.

Following discussions with members of the Executive Committee, I have agreed to allow my name to be put forward to act as Chairman to complete a third year in line with the constitution of CTSD. Pastor Stan King of the VEC has agreed in principle to take on the Chairmanship in November 2017.

I look forward to working with you all over the next year.

Regards

Philip Hardaker

**Minutes of the fourteenth Annual General Meeting of CTSD
(formerly Sevenoaks Council of Churches, formed in 1958)
held on Thursday November 15th, 2015 at 8pm,
at St Johns Hill United Reformed Church, Sevenoaks**

Present: 52 names on the attendance register from 20 Churches :

Bessels Green Baptist/Otford Methodist/St Bartholomew/Eynsford St Martin/Lullingstone St Botolph/Seal St Peter&St Paul/Seal Chart St Lawrence& St Margaret/Sevenoaks The Drive Methodist/Hope Church/Royal City/St John the Baptist/St Johns Hill URC/St Luke/St Mary Kippington/St Nicholas/St Thomas/Society of Friends/Vine Baptist/Vine EvangelicalWeald St George

& Trinity School Chaplain Rev Alice Dunstall

1. Chairman Philip Hardaker welcomed everybody present. **Apologies** had been received from Rev John Benson, Rev Jim Crockett, Rev John Ritson, Rev Tim Hatwell, David Brunning, Alan Edwards, Anne Straight, Karen Forster-Pearce, Shirley Hayes
2. After a hymn, Chairman Philip read John 17 v 21-23 & Revd Canon David Kitley led us in prayer
3. The agenda was agreed with 2 items of AOB – the History Troupe & the CTSD website
4. Minutes of the thirteenth Annual General Meeting of Churches Together in Sevenoaks & District, as in Annual Report, were accepted as a correct record.
5. There were no matters arising.
6. It was announced that the SAYT report published in the Annual Report, was the 2014 one; copies of the 2015 one were available on seats & would be sent to all Churches. The website copy would also be updated
7. The Accounts were adopted
8. A letter of thanks would be sent to the Independent Examiner for his long years of service in this role. Ideas of whom to approach to fill this role would be appreciated..
9. Election of Officers

a) To Christian Aid Committee:

Treasurer: Mr David Brunning

(St Thomas of Canterbury RC Church) Elected nem con

b) To Sevenoaks & District Churches Group for Social Concern (SCGSC). This group's constitution requires that its officers and membership are elected at CTSD's AGM.

The following are nominated:-

Chairman: *Graham Roper (St Mary Kippington)*

Treasurer: *Rosemary Wakefield (URC St Johns Hill)*

Executive: *Simon Dawes (St Nicholas, Grace Church)*

Sharon Lester (Hope Church)

Rep. on SDC *Pastor Stan King (VEC)*

Elected nem con

c) CTSD – Chairman – Philip Hardaker *(St Thomas of Canterbury*

RC Church)Elected nem con – 1 year appointment

Secretary- isobel White (*St Thomas of Canterbury*
(RC Church)
Elected nem con – 3 year appointment

10. **OUTREACH INITIATIVES** – Valerie Ruddle introduced the presentations by local churches:

- St Katharine’s Knockholt hold an EARLY BIRD 30 min service for pre-school children with songs & bible stories acted out
- St Luke’s link with the Arts eg. weekly recitals, Sevenoaks Festival plays, poetry
- Seal St Lawrence hold a messy church twice a term after school on a Friday
- St Johns Hill URC link with Age UK the Refuge & MIND.

Also Family Men – a breakfast often attended by single men with children

- Parishes in Lullingstone & Farningham have re-organised Services eg glass of wine at 6.30pm prior to Service at 7pm of Worship, Song, Open Prayer & time of Hearing at Lullingstone.
- Bessels Green Baptist Church has organised pods with emphasis on sharing ie small groups of people having the same passion for running, art etc. They meet every other Sunday instead of attending a Church Service. 6 out of 12 already flourishing.
- Otford Methodist Church run a “toast” club on Wed mornings & a club for dads & children on Sat afternoon - with bouncy castle, crafts, newspaper etc

- a) Events & Publicity Group - the United Service on Sunday January 17th 2016 would be at St Mary’s Riverhead.

Forms for the Lent Ecumenical groups were available

A new venture would be ***The Crib Trail – Follow the Star*** ie everyone invited to visit all or some of the cribs of 9 Chches + 2 windows between 2 & 4pm on Bank Holiday Monday Dec 28th

- b) Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust – exciting news that Callum Seal had taken part in a sponsored cycle ride round Mount Kilimanjaro & was back safely
- c) Christian Aid - as read
- d) Sevenoaks Counselling - unfortunately the new leaflets have an incorrect email address – should be btconnect (rather than bt internet.) New leaflets available
- e) Compassion/Group for Social Concern - volunteers & donations required. Talks can be arranged.
- f) Food Bank – as read
- g) Ministers’ Forum – as read
- h) North West Fellowship –as read
- i) Prayer for Sevenoaks – as read
- j) Trinity School - newly appointed Chaplain Rev Alice Dunstall introduced herself. She mentioned the importance of service placements for the pupils – at present there are 10 centres, but more would be very welcome. She also spoke of the 3day *Prayer Space* she was organising for the pupils at Hope Church in December & invited us to go along.

12. AOB: - the website is being updated

- the History Troupe has a *Thunderbirds* presentation to put over the story of Salvation., with Christmas as the beginning of the Rescue mission. It will be in a window in the High Street on Dec 27th

13. Date of next AOB agreed Thursday 17th November 2016

14. Chairman Philip thanked all those who had contributed to the AGM & St Johns URC .Then the Grace was said by all.

Draft

Churches Together in Sevenoaks and District
Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30 September 2016

2015			2016	
£	£		£	£
410		Subscriptions (see note 1)		410
41		Lent Groups surplus		33
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451				443
		<u>Deduct:</u>		
	127	General Expenses, Postage, and Stationery	107	
	160	Churches Together in Kent - Subscription	164	
	219	Ecumenical Services Expenses	204	
	325	Christmas Advertisements	550	
	<u>40</u>	Other Activities including Website	<u>169</u>	
<u>871</u>				<u>1194</u>
<u>(420)</u>		(Deficit) for the Year		<u>(751)</u>

Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2016

	General Fund:		
1650	Balance at 1 October 2015		1230
(420)	(Deficit) for the Year		(751)
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1230			479
	Represented by:		
1230	Cash at Bank and in hand		329
0	Amounts Receivable		150
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1230			479

NOTES:

1. Subscriptions in years ended 30 September 2015 and 2016 were £10 for each member church.
2. It is proposed that subscriptions for the year ending 30 September 2017 are increased to £15 for each member Church. See Chai

Philip Hardaker, Chairman

Events Report

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Chairman Philip Hardaker laid a cross of poppies at the Town Council Service at the Vine Memorial which was led by Revd Canon Angus MacLeay CofE, assisted by Fr Richard Harvey RC & David Tyler representing the Free Churches.

CRIB TRAIL

This new venture was held on Bank Holiday Monday Dec 28th with 9 churches & 4 shops taking part in the "Follow the Star" trail. Between 2 – 4pm, on a lovely sunny afternoon, many people visited some or all of these locations where star stickers & refreshments were available.

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2016

A United Service was held at St Mary's, Riverhead, on Sunday 17th January.

The speakers was Rev Chris Ruddle, Ecumenical Officer for Kent. Theme: Salt of the Earth. Nineteen singers from four churches formed an ecumenical choir under the direction of Janet Sharp, with Daniel Eaton as organist. The congregation numbered about fifty.

ECUMENICAL LENT GROUPS

Fifty-five people, mostly from only five churches, met in eight groups for the five-week York course 'Praise Be', based on Psalms. This was a smaller number than recent years and it was difficult to create a good mix of churches in each group. (see Looking Forward below)

GOOD FRIDAY, 25th March 2016

The offer by St Nicholas Parish Church to host the event was gratefully received and a performance of Stainer's 'Crucifixion' was organised and presented by Peter Young, to whom we extend most grateful thanks.. A choir of fifty singers from nine churches was accompanied by an orchestra of twenty three instrumentalists. This was particularly exciting as 'Crucifixion' is rarely heard other than to organ accompaniment. The evening, attended by a good congregation, included a short address by the Curate, Rev Andy Fearnley.

CHARITY FAIR

A stall was manned at this Town Festival Event on Sat June 18th. Information on the 10 services offered to the community under the CTSD umbrella was available. SAYT balloons were particularly popular!

LOOKING FORWARD

The Crib Trail will be held again on Tuesday Dec 27th 2016, 1-4pm

The 2017 Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity will begin with a United Service on Sunday, 15th January at St Thomas's Roman Catholic Church at 3.30pm. Please note the time, which we hope will appeal to more people than the later traditional time. The service, entitled 'Reconciliation, is linked to the 500th Anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation.

Daily Prayers, Monday 16th – Saturday 21st, are being arranged at different venues and times. If one of the regular events at your church could incorporate the special prayers that week and make it an open meeting, please let me know. We would particularly like to arrange an evening meeting.

The five-week Lent course, 'Receiving Christ', will begin on Monday 6th March with speakers Bishop Nick Baines, Margaret Sentamu, Rev Dr Ken Howcroft and Theodora Hawksley. We would especially ask churches that have not been participating to encourage their members to do so. More churches taking part enables the groups to be well mixed.

On 14th April 2017, a 'Good Friday' programme of music and readings is expected at a venue to be decided. Offers are always welcome.

Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust for CTSD 2016

SAYT is facing change. Stefan Reckless left in August and Daren Mountain, whose heart is with the Christian Surfers is leaving at the end of October. Stefan is now part time youth worker at Vine Baptist church and a teaching assistant near Maidstone. We wish them both well in their new ventures.

It is many years since SAYT has had just one part time youth worker. As they considered this challenge several Trustees who had recently been reading the book of the prophet Habbakuk suggested we should not rush into making new appointments but should follow his example of waiting to see where God is leading us. So our AGM on October 8th is going to be quieter this year with several people explaining briefly what SAYT means to them, giving time for prayer and reflection and an opportunity for our supporters to make comments and suggestions.

In the meantime we are delighted that Angellelrique Pattat from Hadlow can help Julie Boddington on a couple of days each week. Julie needs our prayers as she works out how to prioritise the use of her time and energy.

Looking back on the year it has been a busy time with youth workers holding two weekly meetings at Knole Academy, and one at Trinity school. The link with Combe Bank has ended with their change of management. There have been good outings to the beach and last December a special trip to an ice-skating and carol singing event at Wembley stadium.

During the summer a new outreach started in Kemsing with the bus going there as well as the regular Thursday evening visit to Greatness. The Kemsing session will stop for the winter but hopefully will restart next summer.

A new development has been becoming a participant in Tesco's Fareshare scheme whereby we can collect food from Tesco for use on the bus. The House in The Basement also participates in this scheme and we hope to keep our connection there.

In the new year we may be able to participate in the CTSD youth Alpha course being arranged by a member of St Thomas's church and Stan King, pastor of Vine Evangelical. All our churches need to support this exciting opportunity

The youth workers' prayer breakfast on the last Saturday of the month

continues to provide an opportunity for workers from around the district to get together and support one another. We are very grateful to those who host this. We are very grateful too to Seal St Lawrence for participating in the Dragon Boat race as a fundraiser for us, and to all who volunteer and help in various ways. We continue to need another Trustee and more general volunteers.

For more information see www.sayt.org.uk or contact the SAYT office, 39 Dartford Road TN13 3TE Tel 07763364185 or Julie@sayt.org.uk

Caroline Berry

CHRISTIAN AID

In the Sevenoaks area there are now three main activities where churches operate together and this pattern has continued over the past year:

Carol singing at Sevenoaks Station (Monday 21 December 2015).

Singers from three churches sang carols non-stop for one hour each during the period when commuters are returning home. Collectors generally find that people are in good spirits at that time in the evening and respond generously. For Christmas 2015 the total given was £888.00.

Frugal Lunch.

This is normally held on the fifth Sunday of Lent and it is suggested that those attending should give as a donation what they would normally expect to spend on a traditional Sunday lunch. A speaker from Christian Aid head office is generally invited and this year we enjoyed a thought-provoking talk from David Muir, Christian Aid's Regional Coordinator for Kent. His talk focused on Christian Aid's projects in Bangladesh, particularly those seeking to help people living in poverty and at the mercy of the rivers which frequently flood. A total of £350 was given. *It is hoped that more people in the future will feel that this is an interesting event, well worth supporting.*

Fund Raising

The main focus for fundraising is, of course, Christian Aid Week and churches are asked to report their totals to David Brunning, the Christian Aid Treasurer for Churches Together. This year the total reported was £13,034. It is acknowledged, however, that some churches in the area prefer to send their contributions direct to Christian Aid HQ. In addition, we know that some churches occasionally give money or organise fund-raising events for Christian Aid at different times of the year, sometimes as a response to major emergencies such as earthquakes and hurricanes.

Events for the Future

Carol singing at the Station	Monday 19 December 2016
Frugal Lunch, Parish Centre, St Mary's Kippington	Sun 2 April 2017
Christian Aid Week	14-20 May 2017

Stephen Day

Sevenoaks Counselling

The last year has been a time of change at Sevenoaks Counselling. We said good bye to Maureen King, Head of counselling, who retired in July after many years of dedicated service. We also said goodbye to Pamela McCurdy, a volunteer who provided a vital role in the day to day running of the office. We are thankful for their enthusiasm and commitment.

Julie Smith has been appointed as the new Head of Counselling together with Janet McGrath who takes up a newly created role as Service Administrator. We also welcomed Caireen Surgeoner, a new volunteer to replace Pamela.

Clinical Work

Our therapy team consists of thirteen practitioners. During the twelve months to 30 August 2016 we provided 2,556 counselling sessions. There has been a growing demand for couples counselling as well as an increase in the number of children and young people seeking help. To meet the demand we have increased the number of practitioners to work with these client groups.

Finance

Client numbers have reduced slightly since last year, possibly as a result of greater alternative provision in the Sevenoaks area. Although we offer affordable counselling and do not turn anyone away for financial reasons, fewer clients are able to meet the recommended charge. We are grateful for the financial contribution that churches make, though we remain concerned at its continuing decline, which constitutes around 10% of our income.

The generosity of Christ Church URC in allowing us to use the Bridge premises without charge adds a significant boost to our financial health. We are grateful to Kent County Council, Sevenoaks Council, and Sevenoaks District Council for the grants we receive.

Training and Events

The Annual Public Meeting was held in May. The guest speaker, Dr Elizabeth Procter, gave an illuminating and insightful talk about Working with Adolescents.

Our programme of four professional development days for 2016 have covered a variety of topics including domestic violence, sex addiction and the creative use of pain, crisis and failure.

Following the changes at Sevenoaks Counselling, Bishop James, Bishop of Rochester, will preside at a Service of Commissioning on Wednesday 2 November at 7.30 pm at Christ Church URC, Sevenoaks. This will provide an opportunity for everyone who supports Sevenoaks Counselling to rededicate themselves to the work of the service.

Julie Smith – Head of Counselling
September 2016



SCGSC Compassion Report

**Befrienders . . . Sevenoaks Child Contact Centre . . . Family Mentoring Team
. . . West Kent Debt Advice**

With huge thanks and gratitude to all the volunteers in these four initiatives, without whose time and energy, none of this would be possible.

We were pleased to welcome two new members to the SCGSC Executive Committee at the beginning of this year. Stan King (VEC Pastor), who also represents Churches Together on Sevenoaks District Council Social Needs Group; and Avril Hunter, here representing Sevenoaks District Council. Avril brings her considerable skills and knowledge, not only as a councillor, but also as a warden at St. Mary, Kippington.

There is no doubt that the environment in which we operate continues to become more challenging. There has never been a greater need of volunteers and for the church to be actively supporting and campaigning for those in need in our community.

We are pleased to say that the existing projects continue to work effectively throughout the area:-

- **Befrienders** have now celebrated their 10th anniversary! Congratulations to all those involved and so many thanks for the wonderful service you provide. They now receive referrals from KCC as well as the Emerald Team of support workers and have a total of 19 volunteers, with 14 active currently befriending 18 people.
- **Sevenoaks Child Contact Centre** currently has 7 families using the centre, involving a total of 15 children, ages from 1 – 8 years old. **They need two more volunteers!**
- **Family Mentoring** are now receiving referrals from a number of agencies and have 5 mentors helping 4 families, with a new family about to start. **Please, more mentors needed!**
- **Debt Advice** continues to be busy with two or three sessions a week in Sevenoaks alone. WKDA has a current case load of 400, with 267 new cases this year.

We are so grateful to all the churches for the various forms of support given that enable these projects to continue their vital work. **Please pray and think if volunteering for one of these projects might be an opportunity for you.**

Needless to say, financial support remains vitally important. For all the projects there is a need to meet all the usual running costs, insurance, postage, telephone etc., and these costs are ongoing. The accounts summary for the year ending 30th June 2016 is:

Balance B/F £2300.46

Income £1920.83 (Thanks, in part, to a one-off donation through Tony Cornfield)

Expenditure £1347.03

Balance C/F £2874.26

The Executive Committee:

Graham Roper	Chair (St Mary Kippington)
Rosemary Wakefield	Treasurer (St John's Hill URC)
Sharon Lester	Executive (Hope Church)
Simon Dawes	Executive (St Nicholas)
Stan King	Executive (VEC)
Avril Hunter	Executive (SDC Rep and St Mary Kippington)

Loaves and Fishes Foodbank

Loaves and Fishes foodbank is only possible because of the continuing support of food donations from the local churches, several schools and many individuals and charitable organisations. We are supporting around 40 families as well as providing emergency food bags for families in need of short term help.

This year Loaves and Fishes has benefited enormously from the new food store. This is thanks to a very generous donation from the outgoing Spring House and St Johns Church PCC agreeing to allow a large corner of their church hall for the food store. We are now able to organise our food more efficiently so that we can plan ahead as to what our families will have in their weekly bag. As well as giving families their food bag of tinned and dried food we are also giving either fresh fruit or bread every week; this is thanks to some kind donations of money.

Carole and Francein have stepped down from being Trustees of Loaves and Fishes. Many thanks for all their hard work and time without which there would be no foodbank in Sevenoaks. The new Trustees are Andrea Watson and Nicky Harvey and we can be contacted at sevenoaksfoodbank@gmail.com.

Loaves and Fishes would not be able to function without our volunteers so a huge thank you to them for their time and effort.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Andrea and Nicky

North West Fellowship Report

We welcomed Fr Robin, Fr Matthew and the parishioners of St John the Baptist, to our fellowship.

Rev'd David Kitley is our current Chairman.

The members of the Fellowship, took part in the customary quarterly services and, combined August evening services which were held at St Mary's Church, Riverhead. The Autumn Service will be held at Christ Church on 16 October 2016 at 6.30 pm. The celebration of St Luke the Evangelist will be included in this service. The Advent Service 2015 was held at St Mary Church, Kippington and was very enjoyable, with lovely music and was very well attended. Len led the combined choir. This year the service will be held at St John the Baptist on 27 November 2016 at 6.30 pm.

The Lent lunchtime prayers were held in five Churches, with a frugal lunch afterwards. The Charity was Demelza House Children's Charity. A different speaker attended four of the five luncheons. £1000.00 including gift aid was raised from donations during the lent season. Next year the charity will be from an overseas country.

St Luke's Church hosted the Good Friday service on 25 March 2016 and, other churches were asked to be involved, taking part in the walk of witness to Bligh's afterwards.

The annual pilgrimage was not held this year.

At each meeting, we share news from the members of the fellowship and, encourage one another in prayer. Various events have been held in Churches, to help raise the profile within the community they are in.

Karen Forster-Pearce (Secretary).

Minister's Forum Report

The Sevenoaks Minister's Forum has continued to meet bi-monthly. This has been attended by church leaders from the following congregations: Bessels Green Baptist, The Vine Evangelical, Hope Church, St Mary's Kippington, St Nich's, St Bartholomew's, Otford, St Botolph's, Chevening, Otford Methodist and Christ Church URC. The Forum is set up so that we work together rather than being in competition with each other! Rather than being ignorant of one another, we can meet, share what is going on amongst the people we serve, and pray for each other. We take it in turns to lead the sessions. All of us who come find the meetings very helpful as we support one another, and find encouragement and inspiration as we share ideas and vision for ministry. Last November Chris Smith from Chevening led a particularly good session on Christmas!

David Kitley, co-ordinator.

Prayer for Sevenoaks

The group has continued to meet bi-monthly at the Chambers and House in the Basement .We have concentrated on issues covering Budgets, Elections, Referendum and preparation for next years Council elections. We have had special occasions to pray and give thanks for Schools in our Area and Councillors and their individual constituencies.We always pray for all those working in the several administrations and support services.Being part of CTSD all their initiatives are commended to God as is Trinity School.

The Times recently had an article on the growth in Town and City Councils turning back to prayer before their meetings, focused on asking for help as they continue to battle with budget constraints and other legislative issues.In the coming year we would like to strengthen our connections with our County, District and Local councils and Parish councils. Thank you all those who have come along to join in the prayers, those who have sent in prayer points and especially to Isobel for her patience at all times

.I would be pleased to hear from any members who have thoughts on furthering our connections with our Councils.

alan.edwards454@btinternet.com

Alan Edwards - Organiser

Trinity School

Trinity School is now in its fourth year and we were blessed to welcome our year 7 to 10 students into our brand new building on Seal Hollow Road this September. The school buildings' amazing facilities, including a new sports hall, activity studio, house areas and brilliant classrooms are a joy to use and we have enjoyed showing parents of our current students around. We have also been welcoming parents of year 6 students and hope to do so on our open evening on 4th October as well.

On Saturday 10th September we had a fantastic Commissioning Service at St Nicholas Church, Sevenoaks for our head teacher Mr Pawson. Mr Pawson was welcomed and commissioned by the SCET Churches that helped to set up our school, our governors, staff and students. He spoke about his vision for our Christ centered school and about his own walk with God. It was a really lovely service and our thanks go to all involved in organising and those who were able to attend.

With the school term now underway we are also about to start our service programme in which students are able to give back to our community. Last year the school was able to complete over 1600 hours of service and helped at over 15 different locations. Service is a key part of our school ethos and it has enabled our students to learn things about themselves and others that they might not be able to learn in the classroom.

We are very grateful to all the churches within Churches Together in Sevenoaks and District who have prayed for and supported us along our journey and we would ask for continued support in this. Our school is built on a foundation of prayer and our monthly prayer meetings (attended by ministers, parents, governors, members of local churches and staff) are an important part of this. We hope that links between Trinity and local churches can continue and grow even stronger.

Alice Dunstall
School Chaplain

Churches Together in Sevenoaks and District

List of Members

(email addresses, websites and local maps are given on our website: www.ctsd.org.uk)

* signifies that, as of October 2016 these are the churches which have returned a signed Declaration and paid an annual subscription.

Other churches listed are those which have paid an annual subscription.

Names given are those provided by the churches as the CTSD contact. Where none has been provided, the name of the Incumbent or the Church Secretary has been used.

Bessels Green	Bessels Green Baptist Church* Bessels Green Baptist Church Office, Bessels Green, Sevenoaks TN13 2PS	Revd Charlie Ingram 01732 454921
Borough Green	Church of the Good Shepherd (C of E) The Vicarage, 24 Maidstone Road, Borough Green, TN15 8BD	Interregnum 01732 882447
Brasted	St Martin (C of E) The Rectory, Brasted Westerham TN16 1NR	Revd Linda Green 01959 565829
Chevening	St Botolph* (C of E) The Rectory, Homedean Road, Chipstead TN13 2RU	Revd Chris Smith 01732 453555
Dunton Green	St John (C of E)	see Riverhead
Eynsford	St Martin (C of E) The Rectory 6 Pollyhaugh Eynsford, DA4 0BE	Revd Gary Owen 01322 863050
Eynsford	Baptist Church High St Eynsford DA4 0AA	Church Secretary 01959 522121
Halstead	St Margaret* (C of E) The Rectory, Church Road, Halstead, Sevenoaks TN14 7HQ	Interregnum 01959 532133
Ide Hill	see Sundridge	
Ightham	St Peter (Cof E)* The Rectory, Bates Hill Ightham TN15 9BG	Revd Tim Hatwell 01732 886827

Kemsing	St Mary (C of E) Sunnybank Cottage West End. Kemsing Sevenoaks TN15 6PX	Revd James Oakley 01732 762556 Parish Office 01732 761351
Knockholt	St Katherine* (C of E) The Rectory, Church Road, Halstead, Sevenoaks TN14 7HQ	Interregnum 01959 532133
Otford	Methodist Church* 18 The Old Walk, Otford TN14 5PP	Revd John Ritson 01959 928752
Otford	St Bartholomew* (C of E) The Vicarage, The Green, Otford TN14 5PD	Revd Richard Worssam 01959 523185
Platt	St Mary (C of E) The Vicarage, Comp Lane, Platt, Sevenoaks TN15 8NR	Interregnum 01732 885482
Plaxtol	see Shipbourne	
Riverhead	St Mary* (C of E) (with St John, Dunton Green) St Mary's Vicarage, The Glebe Field, Shoreham Lane, Sevenoaks TN13 3DR	Revd Martin Booth 01732 455736
Seal	St Peter & St Paul* (C of E) The Vicarage, Church Street, Seal, Sevenoaks TN15 0AR	Revd Anne Le Bas 01732 762955
Seal Chart	St Lawrence* (C of E) St Lawrence Vicarage, Stone Street, Seal, Sevenoaks TN15 0LQ	Revd Carol Kitchener 01732 761766
Sevenoaks	The Drive Methodist Church* 6 The Drive, Sevenoaks TN13 3AE	Revd Gillian Le Boutillier-Scott 01732 452870
Sevenoaks	Hope Church* The Mill Lane Centre Sevenoaks TN14 5BX	Adam Northcroft 01732 464456

Sevenoaks	Royal City Redeemed Christian Church of God 5 Princess Close London SE28 8SJ (worship in Sevenoaks Town Council Chamber)	Tinuola Adeyemi 07473 343 430
Sevenoaks	St John the Baptist* (C of E) St John's Vicarage, 62 Quakers Hall Lane, Sevenoaks TN13 3TX	Fr Robin Jones 01732 451710
Sevenoaks	St Luke* (C of E) St Luke's Vicarage, Eardley Road, Sevenoaks TN13 1XT	Revd Canon Mark Griffin 01732 452462
Sevenoaks	St Mary Kippington (C of E) The Vicarage, 59 Kippington Road, Sevenoaks TN13 2LL	Revd Canon David Kitley 01732 452112
Sevenoaks	St Nicholas* (C of E) Church Office, Rectory Lane, Sevenoaks TN13 1JA	Revd Canon Angus MacLeay 01732 740340
Sevenoaks	St Thomas of Canterbury* (RC) The Presbytery, 12 Granville Road, Sevenoaks TN13 1ER	Fr David Gibbons 01732 454177
Sevenoaks	Society of Friends Meeting House, 30 Hollybush Lane Sevenoaks TN13 3TJ	Elizabeth Dwinell 01732 884122
Sevenoaks	URC* at Christ Church Littlecourt Rd Sevenoaks TN13 2JG	Revd Andy Coyne 01732 456763
	URC* at St Johns Hill St John's Road Sevenoaks TN13 3LW	01732 740935
Sevenoaks	Vine Baptist Church* Church Office, Park Lane Sevenoaks TN13 3UP	Revd James Crockett 01732 740634
Sevenoaks	Vine Evangelical Church Office* Hitchen Hatch Lane Sevenoaks TN13 3AT	Pastor Stan King 01732 469833

Shipbourne with Plaxtol	St Giles (C of E) The Rectory, The Street Plaxtol Kent TN15 0QG	01732 811081
Shoreham	St Peter & St Paul (C of E) The Vicarage, Station Road, Shoreham TN14 7SA	Revd Diane Rees 01959 522363
Sundridge with Ide Hill	St Mary (C of E) The Rectory Office Chevening Road Sundridge, TN14 6AB	Revd Pam Davies 01959 563749
Underriver	St Margaret* (C of E) St Lawrence Vicarage, Stone Street, Seal, Sevenoaks TN15 0LQ	01732 761766
Weald	St George* (C of E) St George's Vicarage, Church Road Weald TN14 6LT	Revd Mandy Carr 01732 463291
Westerham	St Mary the Virgin (C of E) The Vicarage, Borde Hill, Westerham TN16 1TL	Revd Kevin Barnard 01959 563127
Westerham	Evangelical Church* Fullers Hill Westerham TN16 1AB	Pastor Phil Sutton 01959 563148
Westerham	St John the Baptist Crowsnest Hosey Hill Westerham TN16 1TB	Fr Ivan Aquilina 01959 563226
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West Kingsdown	Baptist Church Fawkham Road West Kingsdown TN15 6JP	Revd Anne Clements 01474 852054
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