



# **Annual Report**

**November 2017**

For use at the Open AGM  
16th November 2017  
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 2016 – 2017**

**OFFICERS:**

**Chairman (From Nov 2014)**

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**Secretary (From Nov 2009))**

Isobel White St Thomas' (RC) 01732 461694	49 Kennedy Gardens Sevenoaks TN13 3UG
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**COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES:**

<b>Christian Aid</b>	Stephen & Jean Day St Mary Kippington (CofE)
<b>Sevenoaks Counselling</b>	Jean Day St Mary Kippington (Cof E)
<b>Sevenoaks Churches Group for Social Concern</b>	Graham Roper St Mary Kippington (CofE)
<b>North West Fellowship</b>	Revd Canon David Kitley St Mary's Kippington (CofE)
<b>Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust</b>	Caroline Berry St Nicholas (CofE)
<b>Co-opted Members</b>	Elizabeth Dwinell (Society of Friends) Revd Charlie Ingram (Bessels Green Baptist) Pastor Stanley King (Vine Evangelical Church) Anne Straight St Mary Riverhead (CofE)
<b>Events &amp; Publicity</b>	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 2017

Compared with the last couple of years, 2016/7 has been fairly quiet. All the usual events have taken place with good levels of attendance and, as the various reports in the Annual Report indicate, much has been achieved by the groups we support.

Since last year's AGM, David Brunning (St. Thomas's RC) has been appointed Treasurer. We shall be seeking ratification of his appointment at the forthcoming AGM.

During the year Valerie Ruddle (The Drive Methodists) stood down from the Executive Committee after many years of valuable service in particular in the field of ecumenical music. We thank her for her contribution and are delighted that she continues to support our activities.

At last year's AGM we indicated that Pastor Stan King (VEC) would take over the Chairmanship from me this autumn. Unfortunately, he has decided to return to Canada and will no longer be able to take on this commitment. We shall miss his energy and enthusiasm. I am delighted to say that The Reverend Canon David Kitley (St Mary's Kippington) has agreed to take on the Chairmanship for the next year, subject, of course, to formal approval at the AGM.

The last three years have been very interesting. I would like to thank you all for your support of CTSD and its activities over this period. I wish CTSD and its activities well for the future.

Kind Regards

Philip Hardaker  
October 2017

**Minutes of the 15th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of CTSD (formerly Sevenoaks Council of Churches, formed in 1958), held on Thursday 17 November 2016 at 7.30pm for 8.00pm at St Johns Hill United Reformed Church, Sevenoaks**

**Present:** 45 names on the attendance register from 15 Churches :

Bessels Green Baptist/Otford Methodist/United

Benefice Eynsford Farningham, Lullingstone/Lullingstone St Botolph/Seal St Peter & St

Paul//Sevenoaks The Drive Methodist/Hope Church//St John the Baptist/St Johns Hill URC//St Mary Kippington/St Nicholas/St Thomas//Vine Baptist/Vine Evangelical/

1. Chairman Philip Hardaker welcomed everybody .

**Apologies** had been received from Revd Canon Mark Griffin, Revd Carol Kitchener, Peter Ashwell, Bill Lattimer, Alice Dunstall, Matthew Pawson, Valerie Ruddle, Andrea Watson, Graham Roper

2. Revd Canon David Kitley led us in prayer

3. The agenda was agreed with 2 items of AOB – CTSD website & Refugees

4. Minutes of the fourteenth Annual General Meeting of Churches Together in Sevenoaks & District, as in Annual Report, were accepted with one correction: Item 10 – the Otford Methodist “toast” club is Wed afternoon, not morning.

5. There were no matters arising.

6. The Annual Report was accepted

7. Appreciation of the work of Douglas Seal, treasurer of some 40 years & sadly deceased in August was expressed, A letter of sympathy had been sent to his widow Marigold.

Chairman Philip Hardaker had produced draft accounts for the Report & presented to the meeting copies of the final version which had been examined & signed.

This version was accepted *nem con*.

Agreed that subscriptions would rise to £15 per annum & be collected for the CTSD year Oct 2016- Sept 2017 early in 2017

8. Thanks would be sent to the Independent Examiner , Peter Ashwell

Under current regulations it would not be necessary for the accounts to be examined, but it was agreed that until a new treasurer be appointed & in office, it would be good practice to have them examined.

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 (St Johns Hill URC)*

Executive: *Simon Dawes (St Nicholas's, )*

*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 – for a further year appointment*

10. **OUTREACH INITIATIVES** – Pastor Stan King introduced the presentations on youth work:
- **SAYT** – Shirley Byles & Chris Williams showed pictures of the work in the bus & on outings & asked for prayer & ongoing financial support
  - **FRANTIC FRIDAYS** – Stefan Reckless spoke of a new venture for 8-11 year old at the Vine Baptist Church. Games, sports, tuck shop on offer & closing with a bible reading & prayer
  - **ALPHA COURSE FOR SIXTH FORMERS** – Hugh Mercer & Nick Rowell spoke of this course which would be on offer at the House in the Basement on Tues evenings 7.45 – 9pm for 8 weeks starting in Jan 2017. Request for prayer, encouragement of 16-18 year olds to participate & offers of food.
  - **HISTORY TROUPE** –Alistair & Sue Mitchell talked of their Advent Calendar App which they have presented in 18 primary schools
  - **DUNTON GREEN HOMEWORK CLUB** – Thursdays 6-7.30pm offering pupils area in Bojangles Café to have help with homework , followed by board games on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays
  - **PLANS FOR CONFERENCE FOR TEENAGE GIRLS & WOMEN** – Charlotte Ross is forming a team to plan a day conference in 2018 to encourage full use of all our God-given gifts. Ideas welcome – there would be worship, discussion, relaxation ,with child care offered for participants

a) **Events & Publicity Group** -

A *Crib Trail* was being organised again for Tues Dec 27<sup>th</sup> 1-4pm with more churches & shops participating than in 2015

The *United Service* on Sunday January 15<sup>th</sup> 2017 would be at St Thomas' s Granville Rd

There were still venue gaps on Monday & Friday for daily prayers in that week.

Forms for the *Lent Ecumenical groups* were available

*Good Friday Music* would be at St Johns Hill URC

*500 years Commemoration of Luther-* in conjunction with the Historical Society, at no expense to CTSD, 2 lectures would be given in October 2017, organised by David Killingray

b) **Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust** – see above

c) **Christian Aid** - as read

d) **Sevenoaks Counselling** - Julie Smith, the new Head of Counselling was introduced.; she shares some of the work with Janet Mc Grath who has taken up a newly created role as Service Administrator

e) **Compassion/Group for Social Concern**

- *West Kent Debt Advice* – David Trice said.63 of 68 advisers are Church-goers, helping 400 clients with debts totalling £6million. We were shown a new 3 min promotional film – a debtor turned advisor. This film can be borrowed & a speaker arranged
- *Child Contact Centre* – Sally Stiven said that altho' there were enough volunteers at present, it would be good to pray & approach possible volunteers for the future. Kevin Brown, recently recruited spoke of the great value of this work.
- *Family Mentoring* – Marion Gilchrist said they were looking after 4 families, suffering from addictions & anti-social behaviour. More volunteers would be needed to take on more families.
- *Women's Refuge* – welcome packs provided by the VEC are appreciated

f) **Food Bank** – Andrea Watson wished to add thanks to St Mary's Kippington for gift of Easter Eggs & Real Advent Calendars

g) **Ministers' Forum** – as read

h) **North West Fellowship** –as read

- i) **Prayer for Sevenoaks** – set up by Alan Edwards in 2011 & often held in the District Council or Town Council Chambers. He was working on the programme for 2017.
- j) Trinity School - all invited to attend 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays 9.30am prayer meetings at the school
12. AOB:
- Jean Day introduced the new website which had been set up by Helen Kitley & is now managed by Jean. Thanks were expressed to both Jean & Helen
  - A letter would be sent to Councillor Simon Raikes, Chairman of Sevenoaks District Council & Town Councillor appointed to link with the CTSD Compassion to express concern for Refugees & ascertain whether we could link over any project.
13. Date of next AGM agreed Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017,  
at St Johns Hill URC
14. Chairman Philip thanked all those who had contributed to the AGM & in particular St Johns URC for hosting .Then Pastor Stan King closed the meeting in prayer..

**CTSD ACCOUNTS to SEPTEMBER 2017 to be presented at the AGM  
ON THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017**

## **Events Report 2016-2017**

### **Remembrance at Sevenoaks Vine War Memorial**

The official CTSD representative was Chairman Philip Hardaker who laid a poppy cross at the Service, on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November

**The Crib Trail** – held on 27<sup>th</sup> December with 14 Churches open for visitors from 1-4pm to see a variety of ways of presenting the nativity scene. Many of the Churches offered refreshments & activities for younger visitors. 14 shops & businesses also took part with nativity scenes in their windows; Chappell's in the London Rd won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in the Town Mayor's best window competition, for its traditional Christmas tree & crib. The orienteering group followed the trail.

### **Week of Prayer of Christian Unity, 15<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

On Sunday 15 Jan at 3.30pm the United Service was held at St Thomas's RC Church led by Fr David Gibbons. Rev Canon David Kitley was the preacher & the theme was "Crossing Barriers", prepared by the Churches in Germany. The majority of local Churches were represented: 'brick' carrying, reading & singing in the ecumenical Choir were among the jobs cheerfully undertaken. The retiring collection of £385 was donated to Sevenoaks Counselling. The move to an afternoon time for the Service seemed to boost the attendance.

Weekday prayers using the same booklet were held on Monday at St Thomas's, Tuesday at The Drive, Wednesday at St Luke's, Thursday at St Mary's Kippington, Friday at St John the Baptist's, Saturday at The Drive & Sunday at St Nicholas'.

### **Alpha Course for Sixth-formers**

This began on 17<sup>th</sup> January and ran until Easter. Sessions were held in the House in the Basement with Churches providing refreshments. Participants averaged 7 attending 3 different schools.

### **Lent Ecumenical House groups**

The ever successful York course had the theme "Receiving Christ" to guide the groups in thoughtful discussion & prayer. There were about 60 participants in 8 groups from 12 Churches.

### **Good Friday**

An evening service of readings, meditation & music on the theme of Christ's Passion and Death was well-attended & appreciated for the careful preparation made by St Johns Hill United Reformed Church.

### **"Thy Kingdom Come"**

From Ascension to Pentecost:

*How local Churches responded to Archbishop Welby's invitation to Christians around the world to "pray as one for people to know Jesus Christ".*

25<sup>th</sup> May Ascension Day: St Botolph's Chevening - a prayer safari  
St Mary's Kippington

26<sup>th</sup> May at St Luke's – an all-day chain of prayer

Sat 27<sup>th</sup> May & Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> June – at The Drive - prayer 9.30-10.30am

Tues 30<sup>th</sup> May – St Nicholas' prayer gathering

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> June – St Thomas' – evening prayer, reflection & music



Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> June & Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> June 9am – 9pm , prayer interspersed by short set services at St Peter & St Paul Seal.

This short report does not do justice to the level of co-operation in the project & the creativity of the Churches' responses.

**LOOKING FORWARD - see website [www.ctsd.org.uk](http://www.ctsd.org.uk)**

- Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Service on The Vine 10.50am
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Christian Aid Carol singing at the Station 5-8pm - see Christian Aid report
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December – Crib Trail 1-4pm “*Follow the star*” in & around Sevenoaks to see nativity scenes in Churches & shops
- Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January – beginning of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – United Service at St Mary’s Kippington. Time tbc. Theme “ *That all may be free*”, prepared by Churches in the Caribbean. Weekday prayers on the same theme - venues tbc
- Lent Ecumenical house groups following the York Course “*On the Third Day* ” will meet on weekdays from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February, in the 5 weeks running up to Easter. They comprise listening to the CD, discussion arising and sharing faith, thought & prayer in a friendly atmosphere.
- Good Friday evening: details of this Service at The Drive available later

### **Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust for CTSD 2017**

SAYT has had a varied year. There has been the disappointment that our search for a new youth worker has so far been unsuccessful but this has been compensated by the huge encouragement that for first nine months of the year Angelique Pattat has been able to help with both the schools work and the detached work at Greatness. We thank God for her and that she is still able to give some time to SAYT.

We tried a partnership with Scripture Union in their trainee youth worker programme. This would have involved sharing the trainee with one of our local churches and although this was all set up and there were one or two signs of interest from potential trainees they came to nothing. Scripture Union says that this difficulty in finding youth workers seems to be a national trend at present. As a final venture we are now advertising for a full time rather than part time post in case this is a more attractive (though expensive) option.

We are thankful that Julie Boddington has such concern for the young people and is able to keep our activities going through a reduced schedule but a re-think will be needed in January if we still have no prospect of a helper for her. Her hand surgery in early October went well and she should be driving again soon but she will need stamina and volunteers for her heavy schedule.

We had a good AGM on Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup>, held in the comfortable lounge of Hope Church. Those present had the privilege of watching the Premiere of our short film 'Believing their worth'. It was made by Big Picture Charity Films and gives highlights of our work with moving insights from some of those with whom we have worked in the past. It only lasts 4 ½ minutes and we would be happy to visit churches to show it as it demonstrates what we do so clearly.

Shirley Byles has ably fulfilled the three years of chairmanship that she promised and will continue as a Trustee but we need a new chairman and are always in search of those ready to consider becoming a Trustee or a volunteer of any sort. We are grateful for two new volunteers, and of course to those who help on a regular basis by making cakes or joining the bus at Greatness on a Thursday evening. Thank you too to Seal St Lawrence for again participating in the Dragon race on our behalf. We thank all those who pray for us and show support in various ways.

For more information see [www.sayt.org.uk](http://www.sayt.org.uk) or contact the SAYT office, 39 Dartford Road TN13 3TE Tel 07763364185 or [Julie@sayt.org.uk](mailto:Julie@sayt.org.uk)

#### CHRISTIAN AID

There are three activities during the year on which I should like to report:

1. The annual Frugal Lunch held during Lent: A fair number of people gathered at St Mary's, Kippington, Parish Centre on 2 April and heard an interesting talk on some of Christian Aid's current priority areas from Paul Grime, a volunteer speaker.
2. Christian Aid Week in May: The total amount recorded by Christian Aid from Sevenoaks churches was £9,451. There has been a general decline in house to house collections in recent years, perhaps because of an increasing reluctance to give at the door. It has also been suggested that the popularity of contactless cards for paying in shops means that fewer people carry cash. It is to be hoped that there will be some compensation for this decline with an increase in on-line giving to Christian Aid and other charities.
3. Carol Singing at Sevenoaks station at Christmas. It is expected that singers from three local churches will lead carol singing at the station from 5.00pm to 8pm on Monday 18 December.

Stephen Day For info: [day@kent2.co.uk](mailto:day@kent2.co.uk)

## Sevenoaks Counselling

The therapy team at Sevenoaks Counselling consists of thirteen practitioners who work on a part time basis. There has been an increase in demand for therapy for young children and to meet this demand we have recruited a play therapist to our team of practitioners. Play therapy is the recommended approach for working with children aged four upwards and is an effective intervention for a range of emotional and behavioural difficulties including anxiety and bereavement. The demand for family therapy and couples counselling has also risen during the last twelve months and we responded to this need by expanding the number of practitioners who can work with this particular client group.

Client numbers have remained steady during the last twelve months, compared with the previous twelve months, with just over 2,500 sessions provided in each period. We do not turn anyone away for financial reasons, and many clients cannot afford to pay the recommended charge. Meanwhile overheads continue to rise. We are grateful for the financial contribution that churches make, which currently constitutes more than 10% of our income. During the past financial year we received donations from 15 churches. 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 also grateful to Kent County Council, Sevenoaks Town Council and Sevenoaks District Council for the grants we receive.

We were sorry to say goodbye to two of our practitioners during the last year – Gillian Handcock and Claudine Gavin, a longstanding member of the team who retired after twenty five years of service. We also said goodbye to Caireen Surgeoner and Rosie Dalton, two highly regarded volunteers who made a valuable contribution to the day to day running of the office. We are grateful to all four for their dedication, hard work and commitment to the service over many years.

The Annual Public Meeting was held in May when our guest speaker Allison Summers gave a passionate and well informed talk about Drug and Alcohol Addiction and explained the help and support available through the Kenward Trust, a centre that specialises in drug and alcohol rehabilitation.

Our popular training programme for 2017 includes four professional development days covering Autism, Work with Teenagers, Compassion Fatigue and Adult Attachment.

Julie Smith  
Head of Counselling  
October 2017



## 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.

During the year there have been some changes to the Executive Committee. Pastor Stan King is standing down following his decision to return to Canada, and will be greatly missed. We are most grateful to him for his considerable contribution. I am pleased to say that Angela Painter has kindly agreed to join our group. Angela is well known, with involvement in a number of organisations, and we look forward to benefiting from her knowledge and experience. Avril Hunter has kindly agreed to continue as the representative for Sevenoaks District Council and we are extremely grateful for her involvement. And can I thank all my colleagues on the group, for their involvement and support.

There is no doubt that the environment in which we operate continues to become more challenging. There is increasing deprivation and many who suffer are also beset with other issues, making aspects of life a continual challenge. There has never been a greater need for 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.** Currently have a team of 17 members befriending 22 people. **More volunteers are required, particularly one or two men!**
- **Sevenoaks Child Contact Centre is** currently serving 5 families (6 children), with one being interviewed and two on the waiting list. Many more referrals are received. **They need two more volunteers!**
- **Family Mentoring** are now receiving referrals from a number of agencies and are working with 7 families. **Please, more mentors needed! And IT support.**
- **Debt Advice** continues to be busy with new cases being added every week. WKDA has now merged with Crosslight Advice to help it cope with the ever-increasing work load. **More advisers urgently needed!**

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 SCGSC accounts summary for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 is:  
Balance B/F £2874.26  
Income £1250.26  
Expenditure £1653.03  
Balance C/F £2471.49

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)
Angela Painter	Executive (Bessels Green Baptist Church)
Avril Hunter	Executive (SDC Rep and St Mary Kippington)

### **Loaves and Fishes Food Bank**

Loaves and Fishes has had a very successful year for donations with the continuing support of local churches, many of the local schools as well as individuals and charitable organisations. Several schools are now collecting donations on a termly basis as well as at Harvest Time. The new food store has proved invaluable.

We are currently supporting around 35 families. A few families have left as their circumstances have changed such that they no longer need our help which is great. However there has been an increase in the number of homeless people asking for assistance. We have continued to give out fresh bread and fruit and are now going to add fresh vegetables to our list. The children all received an Advent calendar and an Easter Egg thanks to the generosity of St Marys Church, Kippington. Families also received a Christmas cake, Christmas pudding and mince pies which were kindly provided by several churches. Many thanks.

Something new that we have been able to do this year is give a birthday cake to each of the children. This is all thanks to the charity Free Cakes For Kids and their wonderful volunteer bakers who produce the most amazing cakes. It has been wonderful to see the children's faces light up when they receive their cake.

Nicky has stepped down as a Trustee of Loaves and Fishes as she has taken up the role of Curate at Hadlow; she is hugely missed and we wish all the best in her new career. Katie Crookes, Merrie Reynolds and Paul Wharton have stepped in as the new Trustees.

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, Katie, Merrie and Paul.

## **North West Fellowship Report**

We welcomed Xanthe Duffill as a Representative for St Luke's Church, following the sad news of Joy Cooch who died since our last report. Joy had been their Representative for many years working hard to raise the profile of our Committee. Canon Mark Griffin mentioned at our June meeting he would be moving to the Canterbury Diocese in July. Alan Chart has retired from our Committee, having given forty years service mainly as our Treasurer – looking for a new Treasurer is becoming difficult to find. Church Pew sheets, Newsletters and Magazines have advertised this voluntary role.

Rev'd David Kitley is our current Chairman.

The members of our Fellowship took part in the customary quarterly Services and, combined August Evening Services which were held at St John's Hill, URC. The Autumn Service will be held at St Thomas on Sunday 15 October 2017 at 6.00 pm. The celebration of St Luke the Evangelist will be included in this Service. The Advent Service 2016 was held at St John the Baptist, this was Evensong and very enjoyable with lovely music and very well attended. This year the Advent Service will be held at St Mary's, Riverhead on Sunday 3 December 2017 at 6.30 pm.

The Lent lunchtime prayers were held in five Churches with a Buffet style lunch afterwards. The overseas charity was 'Friends of the Holy Land'. A different speaker from the Charity attended most of lunches. It helps having the Charity Representative give their talk which will raise their profile. £1197.25 including 'Gift Aid' was raised from donations during the Lent season. Next year's charity will be from this Country.

St Luke's Church hosted the Good Friday Service on 14 April 2017 with other Church members encouraged to join in.

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 live or work in.

Karen Forster-Pearce  
North West Fellowship Secretary

### **Ministers' Forum**

The Sevenoaks church leaders' forum continues to meet every two months, with a sandwich lunch kindly provided by St Nic's church. We continue to be grateful for this opportunity to keep in touch with each other, share concerns and to offer mutual support through prayer. It is a joy to for us to come together from various traditions; at each meeting one member will share an interest or passion in affirmation of our joint mission in Christ to his people and his world.

David Kitley – co-ordinator

## **Prayer for Sevenoaks**

Churches together in Sevenoaks and District.

The past year has seen some poor responses and some very encouraging ones. As a prayer group we have met at the several council chambers and house in the basement as in previous years. The encouragements come when people in conversation say how glad they are that the effort to support our Councils and their members continues. Through prayer requests we have been able to support others in times of need.

As organiser I am thankful for our Lord Jesus Christ in being so encouraged.

In the coming year we will meet in January at the District Council Chamber on Thursday 11 January 12.30 to 1.30. Our speaker on that day will be DI Michael Coltham from Kent Police.

Our thanks to SDC for the use of their Chamber.

The coming year will see some changes with more emphasis on individual Councils and CTSD organisations and timed to suit the content of each session.

My final thanks go to all friends who have so stoically supported the meetings and especially to Isobel White for her encouragement and support.

Alan Edwards

PFS organiser

## **Trinity School**

Trinity School is now in its fifth year and growing! We have welcomed a wonderful cohort of year 7's to the school and now have over 600 students. It is wonderful that the students who first joined the school are now in year 11 and we will have our first GCSE results this summer. We will also be opening our first sixth form next September and our Sixth Form Opening Evening on 17<sup>th</sup> October was a great success. We are now completely settled in to our wonderful facilities at our permanent site on Seal Hollow Road and welcomed 1600 visitors to our Open Evening on 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

We have also welcomed some wonderful new staff members to Trinity. We now have over 50 dedicated staff who are working exceptionally hard to grow and encourage not only our students but our Trinity community as well. In particular, we welcomed Mr B Williams as our deputy headteacher – please pray for wisdom and guidance for him in this important role.

Our thanks and prayers go to all the churches within Churches Together in Sevenoaks and District who have prayed for us during our journey. Please continue to pray for wisdom and discernment as we go forward in this very important year. We firmly believe in the power of prayer and ask for God's grace and supernatural intervention at Trinity. Please let us know if there is anything you would like us to pray for as we are more than happy to include you in our daily prayers.

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](http://www.ctsd.org.uk)).

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Chevening	St Botolph (C of E) The Rectory, Homedean Road, Chipstead TN13 2RU	Revd Chris Smith 01732 453555
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Halstead	St Margaret (C of E ) The Rectory, Church Road, Halstead, Sevenoaks TN14 7HQ	Revd Tim Edwards 01959 532133
Ide Hill	see Sundridge	
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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
Otford	Holy Trinity (RC) High St Otford TN14 5PH	Fr David Gibbons 01732 454177
Platt	St Mary (C of E) The Vicarage, Comp Lane, Platt, Sevenoaks TN15 8NR	Revd Lorraine Turner 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 Serena Willoughby 01732 761766
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Sevenoaks	Hope Church The Mill Lane Centre Sevenoaks TN14 5BX	Adam Northcroft 01732 464456

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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 Anne Bourne 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
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	URC at St Johns Hill St John's Road Sevenoaks TN13 3LW	Revd Angela Rigby 01732 740935
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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	Revd Serena Willoughby 01732 761766
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