

Prayer for Sevenoaks 2012

19th January – District Council Office
 8th March – Town Council Chamber
 10th May - Community Centre
 14th July - Stag Theatre Foyer
 13th September – Town Council Chamber
 8th November – Stag Theatre Foyer

Any comments or details of events or other items to be publicised in the October 2012 newsletter should be sent to the Secretary.



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Diary of Events 2012 (Additional details given elsewhere in this newsletter/or contact secretary)

Sunday 15th January – Service for Christian Unity
 Wednesday 18th January- Talk on a just society– Austen Ivereigh
 Thursday 19th January – Prayer for Sevenoaks
 Friday 20th January – Lunchtime Prayers for Christian Unity
 Saturday 21st January- Taizé Service
 Saturday 4th February- Prayer Breakfast for Christian School
 Tuesday 21st February - Service of Dedication for Free School Application
 Friday 2nd March – Women’s World Day of Prayer
 Saturday 3rd March – Churches Together in Kent Forum/ Canterbury
 Wednesday 7th March – Befriending Training begins

We’re on the web
www.ctsd.org.uk

Please feel free to make copies of this newsletter to distribute to your friends and congregations, to publicise the information as widely as possible. Thank you.



The theme for 2012 comes from Poland
“WE WILL ALL BE CHANGED”

UNITED SERVICE
Sunday 15th January, 6.30pm
at the Vine Baptist Church,
 (with United Choirs)
 Speaker: Revd Canon Harvey Richardson,
 County Ecumenical Officer

TALK: “Changing the world through the power of civil society” – Austen Ivereigh
 - **Wednesday 18th January, 7.15 for 7.45pm**
at St Thomas’, Granville Road, Sevenoaks
 (drinks & light bites available from 7.15pm)

PRAYER FOR SEVENOAKS – Thursday 19th January – 12.30 – 1.30pm, District Council Offices, Argyle Road

LUNCHTIME PRAYERS for Christian Unity
Friday 20th January, 12.30pm
at St Nicholas’, Sevenoaks
 (refreshments available afterwards)

TAIZE WORSHIP
 A time of meditative worship together:
Saturday 21st January, 5pm
at St Lawrence Church, Seal Chart
 (from A25 heading East, take second right - Church Road - about 1.3 miles after leaving Seal Village)

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So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others
Romans 12:5 (NIV)

Christian School in Sevenoaks

Prayer Breakfast at the Town Church at 8am on Saturday 4th February

Service of Dedication for the Free School Application at St Botolph's Chevening at 11am on Tuesday 21st February

Churches Together in Sevenoaks & District – It's our 10th Birthday!

January 2002 – January 2012

This is the declaration made when Churches Together was set up in its new form in January 2002

We give thanks to God for the growing friendship and trust between our churches in recent years, and which has led us to affirm our common commitment to worship and work together to God's glory and to the furthering of his kingdom.

We now publicly commit ourselves before God and each other

- To confess our common faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour according to the Scriptures
- To seek a deepening of our communion with Christ and with one another in the Church, which is his body; and
- To fulfil our mission to proclaim the Gospel by common witness and service
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Specifically; we believe that we have been led by the Holy Spirit to help enable the churches

- As pilgrims together to explore the Christian faith together; to develop mutual relationships; to seek a common mind: and to make decisions together;
- To worship, pray and reflect together on the nature and purpose of the church in the light of its mission – each church sharing with others the treasures of its tradition;
- To live and share the Gospel, to evangelise together and to take steps towards fuller unity; and
- To respond to the needs of society and to witness to the Gospel together.
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We will do this through active encouragement within our own church structures, by regularly praying for each other in private and in public worship; through publicity that our church issues, and through the Executive and Council of the newly formed Churches Together in Sevenoaks and District.

We acknowledge that we can only do any of this by dependence on God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Would you like to train to join the

Sevenoaks Befriender Team?

2012 Training begins on 7th March and involves 4 sessions.

Contact Margaret on 01883 712576

Lent Ecumenical House Groups

using the York 2012 Lent Course with contributions from **Rachel Lampard** (*responsible for the Methodist Church's engagement with political issues*), **Clifford Longley JP** (*RC journalist and broadcaster*), **Archbishop Sentamu** (*97th Archbishop of York*) & closing reflections by **Bishop Graham Cray** (*Archbishop's Missioner and Leader of the Fresh Expressions team*).

on the theme of

HANDING ON THE TORCH – SACRED WORDS FOR A SECULAR WORLD

5 weekly 1½ hour meetings in ecumenical groups, mornings, afternoons or evenings starting the week beginning Monday February 27th

ALL WELCOME!

Further information/forms from Pat Harman (01732 453902) or Isobel White (01732 461694)

Changing the World through the power of civil society: stories from the

front line. Austen Ivereigh : journalist & writer on Christian social teaching; organiser and campaigner for London Citizens and Citizens UK; former public affairs advisor to the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster. His inspiring stories have important lessons for anyone working for justice.

Wednesday 18th January 2012 at 7.45 p.m.

St Thomas' Church, Granville Road, Sevenoaks TN13 1ER

From 7pm, soup, light bites and a glass of wine

Enquiries, and in case of bad weather: Isobel White 01732 461694

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Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday 2nd March, 2pm at St Thomas', Granville Road

"Let Justice Prevail"

Speaker – Ellen Teague, a London-based freelance Catholic journalist, who has direct contact with Malaysian Christians