

The Drive Methodist Church  
 6.30pm on Sunday 2nd November  
**COME and SING**  
**VIVALDI "Gloria"**  
**VAUGHAN WILLIAMS**  
**"Let all the world"**  
 and other short works  
 Rehearsals 3.30-5pm  
 19th October and 2nd November  
 Singers—£5 Audience—collection  
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Any details of events or other items to be publicised in the January 2009 newsletter should be sent to the Secretary at the address given in the adjacent box.



**Burrswood 60th Anniversary Service**  
 3.15pm on Sunday 5th October 2008 in Rochester Cathedral. All welcome. Places must be reserved: please contact **01892 863637** ext **2214/2247** or email **events@burrswood.org.uk**

**Diary of Events 2008** (Additional details given elsewhere in this newsletter)

- 6 September Christian Aid Stall at Chipstead Village Fete
- 11 September Alpha Prayer Evening
- 18 September Joint Alpha Launch event
- 29 September Child Contact Centre Meeting
- 5 October Burrswood 60th Anniversary Service
- 11 October Christian Aid Quizaid Evening
- 30 Oct-4 Nov St John's Exhibition
- Nov 08-June 09 SCCS Counselling Skills for Pastoral Care Course
- 2nd November Come and Sing Event at The Drive
- 13 November CTSD AGM**
- 20 December Christian Aid Carol Singing

**We're on the web**  
[www.ctsd.org.uk](http://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.



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**Please join us for your CTSD Annual Open Meeting**  
**7:30 for 8pm on Thursday evening,**  
**13 November 2008,**  
**at the URC Church Hall at St John's Hill**

Come and hear what our local churches are doing in Sevenoaks and District. Join us for a discussion on the future direction of CTSD and for updates on the work of the Sevenoaks Area Youth Trust, Christian Aid, the Sevenoaks Christian Counselling Service, Befrienders and Debt Advice Ministry, Hope '08, Seeds and more. Help to build up and encourage the body of Christ as we work **together** as salt and light in our community.

*There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit.  
 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.  
 There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all people.*

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

**EVERYONE**  
**welcome**

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## Joint Alpha Launch Event

To be held on Thursday 18th September 2008  
7.30pm at The Ship Theatre, Walthamstow Hall, Sevenoaks.  
Drinks and canapés and live jazz and a talk entitled  
**'Is there more to life than this?'**  
by Jamie Haith from Holy Trinity Brompton.  
No charge for the evening and everyone welcome.  
Please invite your friends. Contact Penny Walsh on  
walsh@sky.com for more information.

Also, please support the 'Prayer for Alpha' evening at VEC  
on Thursday 11th September at 7.30pm.

## CTSD Literature Project 2008 Appeal

### 'Women's empowerment for sustainable poverty reduction'

Just to remind you that this year we are supporting a Feed the Minds project in the Kassena District of Ghana seeking to empower disadvantaged women and young people through education and training. In rural areas of Ghana, 78% of women are illiterate. Much of Feed the Minds' literacy material is Bible-based and provides opportunities for spreading the gospel while helping the marginalised out of acute poverty and facilitating community development.

**Please** consider supporting this project and encourage your church to be considering it as well. Cheques for the Literature Project should be made payable to Churches Together in Sevenoaks & District. Personal CAF cheques should be made payable to Feed the Minds. All donations should be sent to Mr John Lane at 21 Crownfields, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 1EF.

## A Child Contact Centre in Sevenoaks - Can you help?

**There will be a meeting at Vine Evangelical Church on Monday 29th September at 8pm. Do come along to hear about what is involved and to see whether God is calling you into participation.**

In essence, Child Contact Centres exist to enable children, who are the hidden victims of some family breakdowns, to have access to their missing parent, and hence maintain positive relationships. With a little training, and the willingness to give a couple of hours on a Sunday afternoon, once every 4 to 6 weeks or so, some of us have the opportunity to demonstrate God's love in practical ways to the victims of family breakdown.

## Christian Aid

There will be a Christian Aid Cake and Preserve Stall at  
**Chipstead Village Fete** on  
**Saturday 6th September**, 12.30-4.30pm. Please bring  
contributions of cakes and preserves to Corinne Beaumont's  
house, 11 Bullfinch Lane, Riverhead (01732 455726) on  
Thursday 4th or Friday 5th September in the evening and  
come and support the Fete on the day.



Other dates for your diary:

**Christian Aid Quizaid Evening, Saturday 11th October** 7.15 for 7.45pm at  
Sevenoaks URC (Christ Church) Church Hall, London Road, Sevenoaks.

**Carol Singing in central Sevenoaks, Saturday 20th December**  
10-12noon. All singers welcome.

For more information, please contact Elspeth Cooke on 01732 761766.



**November 2008 – June 2009**  
**Sevenoaks Christian Counselling Service (SCCS)**  
**is running a course entitled**

### "Counselling Skills for Pastoral Care"

It involves seven Saturdays, plus reading and study at home and a number of short assignments. It will be run by tutors who are qualified and experienced counsellors. A certificate is awarded on successful completion of the course.

Cost: £390 (including study materials)

Contact: SCCS, The Bridge, Littlecourt Road, Sevenoaks, TN13 2JG or 01732  
450118 for application forms.

([www.sevenoakscounselling.org.uk](http://www.sevenoakscounselling.org.uk) for more details.)

**St. John's Parish Church, Sevenoaks**, celebrates its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. As part of the celebrations an Exhibition of the history of the St. John's area will be held in the Church and Parish Hall (on the corner of St. John's Hill and Quakers Hall Lane). The official opening will take place on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm and the Exhibition will be open daily until Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> November.

Opening times-Friday, Monday and Tuesday 10am-3pm and 6-8pm  
Saturday 10am-5pm Sunday 12noon-5pm.