

### For your prayers:

- We continue to pray for Sue and Roy Bingham, Sarah, Emily, Kerri, Pat, Rosemary, Morgan, Jean Glenister, Peter Grieves, Helen Langford, Alison Lean, Margaret Tyler, Judith Zapora, Joy Ambler, Josh and family, Ian Neville, Christine Green, Bridgitte Attwood, Julie Taylor, Amelia Ball, Emily, Charlotte and Edward.
- We pray for those who feel the loss of a loved one in our prayers.

We remember this week, the anniversary of the passing of Alice Thornby, Margaret Hall, Ernest quested, Michael Marshall, Rudolph Jackson, Harriet Guthrie, James Hendry, and Alec Moon.

If you would like to include the name of someone in need of prayer, or whose date of passing falls at this time, or you have a Birthday, Baptism, Wedding or other celebration you would like remembered, let us know: [office@stourdowns.org.uk](mailto:office@stourdowns.org.uk) or 01303 470791.

**The cost of continuing our ministry and the upkeep of six historic church buildings need to be met. To make a donation, scan the QR code and follow the instructions on your phone, or, to set up monthly planned giving; the Stour Downs Parish Bank account details are: Sort Code: 60-01-21 Account Number: 56761422 any contribution would be so helpful, contact the Parish Treasurer Anne Puttick for further information—[anneputtick@yahoo.com](mailto:anneputtick@yahoo.com)**  
**Thank you!**



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#### **Safeguarding**

The Stour Downs Parish is committed to the safety and welfare of all. If you have any questions or concerns of a safeguarding nature please speak to our Parish Safeguarding Judy Hawkins - contact 01233 502746 or the Parish Office 01303 470791 or [safeguarding@stourdowns.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stourdowns.org.uk)



## Round the Stour Downs

*The next services are on:*

### Maundy Thursday

6.30pm Online Service

### Good Friday

10.00am "Journey to the Cross"

On Facebook or phone

### Good Friday Meditation

3.00pm

On Facebook or phone

### Saturday 3rd

10.00—12.00

Easter Egg Hunt in  
Mersham Churchyard

### Sunday 4th April

#### EASTER DAY

Communion Service at:

9.00am—Mersham

9.30am—Smeeth

10.00am—Sellindge

11.00am—Brabourne

11.00am—Stowting

6.00pm—Monks Horton Evensong for  
Easter Day

And 3.00pm Online PARTY CHURCH

### Sunday 11th April

9.30am

in Mersham

Parish Communion Service

Also on the Parish Facebook page

Please join us as we start to return to our  
church buildings

Join us on Facebook or on the phone

**Stour Downs Parish Facebook  
Page**

<https://www.facebook.com/Stour-Downs-Parish-275026813134319>

#### OR BY PHONE

Dial: 0333 0110 945

Room number: 15371271# PIN:  
1030#.

# Readings for this Sunday

## 1 Corinthians 15. 1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

### Collect

Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son out of love for  
the world: lead us to ponder the  
mysteries of his passion, that we  
may know eternal peace through  
the shedding of our Saviour's  
blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Morning and Evening Prayer is on the Stour Downs  
Facebook page at 9.15am and 6.15pm

## Mark 16. 1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

### Stour Downs Food Bank

If you are able to, please could you help with a donation to the Stour Downs Food Bank?

A collection box is in the Rectory Porch in Smeeth there is also a collection box at Sellindge Primary school. Any non perishable foods such as canned goods or pasta and cereals, long-life juices and milk are welcome any toiletries would help too.

### Services in April 2021

Date	Time	Church	Service	Available on Parish Facebook Page and Phone
11th April	9.30am	Mersham	Parish Communion	✓
18th April	9.30am	Smeeth	Parish Communion	✓
25th April	9.30am	Mersham	Parish Communion	✓