

### 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, Jean Small, Margaret Tyler, Judith Zapora, Joy Ambler, Josh and family, Ian Neville, Christine Green, Bridgitte Attwood, Julie Taylor and Amelia Ball.
- We pray for those who feel the loss of a loved one in our prayers. We pray especially for Jean Small and her family at this time.

We remember this week, the anniversary of the passing of Hush Wetherall, Janet Barker, Winifred Wilson, Tom Sprawling, Ellen Knight, Greta Taylor, Olive Barton, Ellen Thomas, Violet Giles, Derek Gurr, Reginald Croucher, Queenie Thornby, Edward Wilson, Pam Pickles and Ivy Diplock.

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:*

**Sunday 7th March**

**9.30am**

**Online Parish Communion  
Lent 3**

**Also on 7th March**

**Online Party Church**

**3.00pm join in on our  
Facebook Page**

**Our Lent Bible Book Club  
continues, contact the office for  
joining details**

**Sunday 14th March**

**9.30am**

**Mothering Sunday Service  
Lent 4**

**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#.**

**We are walking from Bethlehem!**

We are walking 10,034 miles from Stour Downs Parish to Bethlehem and back! Having reached Bethlehem, we are now returning home. Why not join in the walk as part of your daily exercise? Have a look on the website for more details.

# Readings for this Sunday

## 1 Corinthians 1. 18–25

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning, I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

### **Collect**

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

## John 2. 13–22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

### **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 7th March and 14th March 2021

Date	Time	Church	Service	Available on Parish Facebook Page and Phone
7th March	9.30am	Online	Parish Communion	✓
7th March	3.00pm	Online	Party Church on Stour Downs Facebook Page	✓
14th March	9.30am	Online	Parish Communion	✓