

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, Edward, Molly and her family, Sue and Chris and Isla and her family.
- Those who feel the loss of a loved one are in our prayers.

We remember this week, the anniversary of the passing of Tony Norrington, Christine Heselden, Jane Mason, Violet Heaton, John Barton, Ronald (Jack) Cooper and Shelly Jackson.

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 or 01303 470791.

The cost of continuing our ministry and the upkeep of six historic church buildings needs 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
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



Round the Stour Downs

The next services are on:

Sunday 23rd May

Pentecost Sunday

9.30am in Mersham

and on Facebook

Parish Communion

11.00am in Smeeth

Story, Song and Celebrate

From 3.00pm

Party Church for Pentecost

On Stour Downs Facebook Page

Sunday 30th May

8.00am in Stowting

Book of Common Prayer

Communion

9.30am in SELLINDGE

and on Facebook

TRINITY SUNDAY

Parish Communion

Sunday 6th June

9.30am in Smeeth

And on Facebook

Parish Communion

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Stour Downs Parish Facebook Page

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Readings for this Sunday

Acts 2. 1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

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

John 15. 26-27; 16. 4-15

"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Collect

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen
your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of
love, and renew the face of the
earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.