

## 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 and Molly and her family.
- 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 Herbert Hammon, Florence Ashdown, Toby Rainbow, Jacqueline Young and Alfred Marsh

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 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](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 9th May**

**9.30am in Mersham and  
on Facebook  
Parish Communion**

**11.00am in Brabourne  
Holy Communion**

**Sunday 16th May**

**9.30am in Smeeth and  
on Facebook  
Parish Communion**

**11.00am in Stowting  
Story, Song and Celebrate**

**Sunday 23rd May**

**Pentecost Sunday**

**9.30am in Mersham and  
on Facebook  
Parish Communion**

**11.00am in Smeeth  
Story, Song and Celebrate**

**Sunday 30th May**

**8.00am in Stowting  
BCP Communion**

**9.30am in Smeeth and  
on Facebook  
TRINITY SUNDAY  
Parish Communion**

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

## Acts 10. 44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

### **Collect**

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the  
power of darkness  
and brought us into the  
kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he  
has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in  
us he may raise us  
to eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ your Son  
our Lord, who is alive and  
reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever

## John 15. 9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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

### **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.