

### 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, Isla and her family and Cheryl Ramsden.
- Those who feel the loss of a loved one are in our prayers. We pray for the family, friends, and council colleagues of Mick Hickmott, especially Jackie and Natasha, Nick and Zara and Mick's grandchildren

This week, we remember the anniversary of the passing of Andrew Down, Phyllis Martin, Janet Back, Nigel Austen, Kirsty Boniface, John MacRostie, Geoffrey Spokes, Roy Collins, Ernest Ashdown, Sarah Hudson, Reginald Older, Gwen Bishopp, Elizabeth Jamieson, Sidney Baker.

If you would like to include the name of someone in need of prayer, let us know:

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**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 27th June**

**9.30am in Mersham**

**And on Facebook**

**Parish Communion**

**11am in Smeeth**

**Story, Song and Celebrate**

**6pm in Monks Horton**

**Book of Common Prayer**

**Communion**

**Sunday 4th July**

**9.30am in Smeeth**

**and on Facebook**

**Parish Communion**

**10.00am in Brabourne**

**Story, Praise and Celebrate**

**11.00am in Mersham**

**Story, Song and Celebrate**

**From 3pm Online**

**Party Church**

**Sunday 11th July**

**9.30am in Mersham**

**and on Facebook**

**Parish Communion**

**11am in Brabourne**

**Holy Communion**

**6pm in Stowting**

**Evening Communion**

**Join us on the**

**Stour Downs Parish**

**Facebook Page**

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

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

# Readings for this Sunday

## 2 Corinthians 8. 7–15

Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

### **Collect**

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

### **EVENTS**

The next event is:

#### **The Oriole String Quartet Concert**

in Mersham

Saturday 3rd July

Tickets are £5

**DON'T FORGET TO BOOK YOUR SEAT**

**Contact the office for more information**

We are pleased to report that Smeeth Church has gained **Bronze Certification** in the ECO CHURCHES Scheme. Thank you to Mary Hedges for all her work.

Over time we plan to make all churches in Stour Downs ECO CHURCHES

## Mark 4. 35–41

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him.

Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

### **Favourite Walks of Stour Downs.**

If you are interested in buying a booklet, they cost £5 which will support our churches.

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