

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:
Margaret Opperman. Ethel Collins, Audrey Smith, Dorothy Taylor, Leonard Ashman and John Harvey

If you would like to include the name of someone in need of prayer, 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 Officer **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 18th July

9.30am in Smeeth

and on Facebook

Parish Communion

11.00am in Stowting

Story, Song and Celebrate

6pm in Brabourne

Evening Communion

Sunday 25th July

9.30am in Mersham

and on Facebook

Parish Communion

11am in Smeeth

Story, Song and Celebrate

6pm in Monks Horton

Evening Communion

Book of Common Prayer

Sunday 1st August

9.30 in Smeeth

and on Facebook

Parish Communion

10am in Brabourne

Story, Praise and Celebrate

11am in Mersham

Story, Song and Celebrate

And

From 3pm on Facebook

Party Church

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

Readings for this Sunday

Ephesians 2. 11-22

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision"—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Favourite Walks of Stour Downs.

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Mark 6. 30-34, 53-56

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Collect

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them
grow: though our faith is small
as mustard seed, make it grow
to your glory and the
flourishing of your kingdom;
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.