

For your prayers:

- We continue to pray for Sue and Roy Bingham, Sarah, Emily, Kerri, Pat, Rosemary, Morgan, Jean Glenister, Peter Grieves, Helen Langford, Margaret Tyler, Judith Zapora, Joy Ambler, Josh and family, Christine Green, Julie Taylor, Emily, Charlotte, Edward, Molly and her family, Sue, Isla and her family, Cheryl Ramsden, Jenny Thomas, Jack Rear, Carolyn Sutton, Kim Odhams, and Colin Kibble
- Those who feel the loss of a loved one are in our prayers. We pray with Sue, Alice and Callum and Alison Lean's family and friends.

This week, we remember the anniversary of the passing of: John Robinson, Sam Hurley, Ronnie Martin, Edna Yates, Desmond Fitzgerald, Marjorie Doorne, Sidney Norrington, Peter Thackray, Robin Lightfoot, Nellie Hills and Theresa Moore

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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
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 9th January

Baptism of Christ

9.30am in Smeeth

and on Facebook

Parish Communion

4.00pm in Mersham

JAM (Jesus and Me)

with refreshments

Sunday 16th January

9.30 in Brabourne

Communion

9.30am in Mersham

and live-stream on Facebook

Morning Praise

4.00pm in Smeeth

Songs of Praise

Sunday 23rd January

9.30am in Stowting

Communion

9.30am in Smeeth

and live-stream on Facebook

Christingle

10.30am in Stowting

Story, Song and Celebrate

4.00pm in Monks Horton

Evensong

Sunday 30th January

9.30am in Sellindge

Parish Communion for

Candlemas

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Facebook Page

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

Readings for this Sunday

Acts 8. 14–17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Collect

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy
Spirit: grant to us, who are
born again by water and
the Spirit, that we may be
faithful to our calling as your
adopted children;
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.

Brabourne Communion and Coffee

Wednesday at 9.30am

On

January 12th and January 26th

(Short said Communion followed by Coffee
at 10am)

Morning and Evening Prayer is on the Stour Downs
Facebook page at 9.15am and 5pm

Luke 3. 15–17, 21–22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Stour Downs Food Bank

If you are able to, please help with a donation to the Stour Downs Food Bank. A collection boxes are in the Rectory Porch in Smeeth and 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. **As we approach Christmas, donations of suitable gift items would be appreciated.**

Thank you to everyone who donated Christmas food and gifts in December.

We have a small amount of cat food and know of no one who needs it. If you would like it, please get in touch with the office.