



Carols By Candlelight

Cudham Church

4.00pm

24th December 2023

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The service will largely proceed unannounced. Please sit for the readings, and please stand if you are able for the Carols

Carol 19 Once in Royal – choir only verses 1 and 2

During which the crib will be blessed

Introduction and prayer

Reading 1: *Read by Jonathan Andrews*

Genesis 3:8-15 *Sin enters the world*

Carol 10 Hark the herald angels sing

Reading 2: *Read by Isla Comley*

Isaiah 9:2,6,7 *Isaiah announces the coming King*

Carol 2 In the bleak midwinter

Reading 3: *Read by Philip Hatch*

Luke 1:26-35, 38 *The angel comes to Mary*

Choir Carol - The Angel Gabriel

Carol 13 Silent night

Reading 4: *Read by Emma Spicer*

Luke 2:1, 3-7 *The birth of Jesus*

Carol 1 O little town of Bethlehem

Reading 5: *Read by Nick McGarey*

Luke 2:8-16 *Shepherds come to visit baby Jesus*

Talk 'Christmas number 1' *Rev John Musson*

Choir Carol - Infant Holy

Carol 20 On Christmas night

Reading 6: *Read by Ewan Shilland*

Matthew 2:1-11 *Travellers come from the east*

Carol 21 We three kings (*solos verses 2-4*)

During which we take up an offering (see back page)

Reading 7: *Read by Julian Wisdom*

John 1:1-5, 9-14 *The Word becomes Flesh*

Carol 12 O come all ye faithful (*Verses 1-3 only*)

Blessing

Happy Christmas from all at Cudham Church!

*After the service you are very welcome
to stay in church for festive refreshments.*

Christmas Services at Cudham and Downe

Christmas Eve – Sunday 24th December

9.30pm (Bethlehem) Midnight Communion–St Mary's Downe

Christmas Day - Monday 25th December

9:30am All-Age Communion Service – St Mary's Downe

11:00am All-Age Communion Service - Cudham Church

Friday 29th December

10am-12.30pm Messy Church in Cudham Church

Sunday 31st December

10.30am End of year Café Church in Downe Village Hall

Tonight's collection will help support the work of Friends of the Holy Land – if you would like to give by card you can do this after the service at the back of church or please use the QR code below. The Friends of the Holy Land's mission is to support Christians in the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan – vital work given all that is happening in that part of the world at the moment. Currently there are around 4,000 people sheltering across the Christian churches and buildings around Gaza city. Those sheltering are Christians, Muslims and people of no faith. Their funds are being used to coordinate the care of so many people to buy water, food, basic medical supplies and other essentials where and when they are available.

www.friendsoftheholyland.org.uk

Cudham and Downe churches meet each Sunday for worship open to all throughout the year, normally 9.30am at St Mary's Downe and 11am at Cudham Church, and occasionally holds Café Church in the Village Halls and Forest Church in the churchyard at Cudham. Messy Church for all ages takes place in school holidays. Please think about coming along to worship when you can so that our village churches continued viability is secured.

We have trained pastoral visitors ready to chat to you or those you know. We are here for you. Please contact our Team Co-ordinator Ann by phoning 07942 354533 or emailing pastoral.team@pcd.org.uk

If you have been challenged this evening to think further about becoming a Christian, we would like to help you. Please contact Rev John Musson if you'd like to find out about Christianity Explored courses and/or being confirmed. www.ceministries.org

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Thank you to all those who have helped in any way with this afternoon's service.

