



# The Parishes of Cudham and Downe

## Anointing and Blessing of Pastoral Team

*Please join in the words in **Bold***

*We gather*

Father we are here to worship You today,

**We sing your praises!**

Jesus we honour You for who you are,

**We sing your praises!**

Holy Spirit we welcome Your ministry amongst us,

**We sing your praises!**

*Hymn 54 Brother, sister, let me serve you*

*Rev Rach introduces the pastoral team and Rev Jane hands out certificates to those who attended the 'caring concerns course'*

*We say sorry to God*

St Paul says

'Be imitators of God; love as Christ loved;

do not grieve the Holy Spirit;

put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice.'

So let us confess our sins to God who forgives us in Christ

*We keep a moment of quiet reflection before we pray*

We have not always worshipped Father God, our creator.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We have not always followed Jesus Christ, our Saviour.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

We have not always trusted in the Holy Spirit, our guide.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*We hear words of forgiveness*

God of love,  
you forgive us and free us from our sins,  
you heal and strengthen us by the Holy Spirit,  
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*We respond by listening to or singing the Gloria*

Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to the Father!  
**Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to the Father!**

To God be glory for ever!  
**To God be glory for ever!**  
Alleluia, Amen!  
**Alleluia, Amen!**  
Alleluia, Amen!  
**Alleluia, Amen!**  
Alleluia, Amen!  
**Alleluia, Amen!**

Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to Christ Jesus...

Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to the Spirit...

*We hear The Collect (the prayer for the day)*

God of peace,  
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom  
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:  
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,  
and by your healing power  
make whole both people and nations;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

*Hymn 42 Be thou my vision*

*We stand and listen to the Gospel being read - At the beginning*  
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

***Matthew 25:31-40***

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Rev Jane Winter helps us explore the Bible*

*We bless and anoint the pastoral team.*

*Rev Jane says:* Hear these words of St Teresa: Christ has no body  
now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the  
eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are  
the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands  
through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours

are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

*Rev Jane hands the lanyard to each team member who place it over their head. She then says to all:*

Go in the name of Christ  
Serve Christ joyfully.  
Put your trust in God.  
He is faithful.

*Rev Jane anoints the palms of each member of the team with the sign of the cross*

(name), yours are the hands, the feet, the eyes and the body through which Christ blesses the world. **Amen.**

*Rev Jane says:* Pastoral team, here are your sisters and brothers in Christ, who share with you in taking Christ to a world in need. People of this parish, will you welcome, support, encourage, and pray for the pastoral team and one another in lives committed to loving service?

**We will.**

*Rev Jane says:* God who has called you is faithful.

May he pour upon you all the riches of his grace,  
equip you and strengthen you in your ministry.  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and upon all your work  
begun, continued and ended in his name. **Amen.**

*We share what we believe*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in  
God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*We pray to God, this might include*  
Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Merciful Father,

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*We share God's Peace*

St Paul writes 'Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you are called to peace.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*Please share the peace with those around you in a socially distanced way*

*Hymn 851 I will offer up my life*

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*(The prayer continues...)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*All those who love Jesus and are used to taking communion are welcome to come and receive the blessed bread. Anyone else is welcome to come forward for a prayer of blessing then we listen to a prayer.*

*We spend time in silence or in a closing activity*

*We hear the notices*

*Hymn 830 I the Lord of sea and sky*

*We go out with God's blessing*

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**