



The United Benefice of Cudham and Downe

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Sunday 26th July – Seventh Sunday after Trinity
Welcome to everyone on our re-opening of Cudham Church



11am at Cudham **Holy Communion and outdoors Sunday Club**

Reading Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

John and Helen to lead and preach

Parents - please ensure children are supervised by you at all times.

The Church of England also strongly

advise wearing a face covering in church and to use the hand sanitisers located at various stations before and after the service.

From today and for future services, if you are planning to come, please email Barbara at admin@pcd.org.uk or leave a message on the church answerphone on 01959 571515 as social distancing measures are in place and numbers are limited. Please bring your own water in case you need it during the service, and if you wish to meet people afterwards, why not bring a flask and chat at a social distance in the churchyard or Cudham Rec? We also invite you to carry your own hand sanitiser too.

If you plan to receive communion (bread only) please wait in your pew until directed to come forward. Here's a Spiritual Communion prayer for those watching at home or unable to receive in church...

Thanks be to you. O Lord Jesus Christ

For all the benefits you have given me

For all the pains and insults you have borne for me

Since I cannot receive you physically

I ask you to come spiritually into my heart

O most merciful redeemer, Friend and brother

May I know you more clearly, Love you more dearly,

And follow you more nearly day by day. Amen.

(adapted from the prayer of St Richard of Chichester)

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

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. Amen.

We are planning to continue to have our services available online including the service taking place today on our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/pg/PCDChurches/videos/> Details will be found on our church website <https://www.pcd.org.uk/services/> webpage after the service has taken place. Sunday School resources are also available via <https://www.pcd.org.uk/children-and-young-people/>

You can now also subscribe to our Youtube Channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCs4iL6vqtF_t04VsY7ywOwQ
The services for 9th, 16th and 23rd August will only be on youtube and will feature guest speakers from Church Society. If anyone would like to record readings or prayers for these three services, please let John know as soon as possible.

Sunday 2nd August – Eighth Sunday after Trinity

11am at Cudham Open-air service (weather permitting) in Cudham Churchyard (nearest to car park) with toilet facilities in Cudham Rec. John will be leading our reflections and Helen will be preparing activities for families. Please bring your own chair. You might like to arrive a bit early with a flask to chat (at a social distance) with others before the service starts and after it finishes.

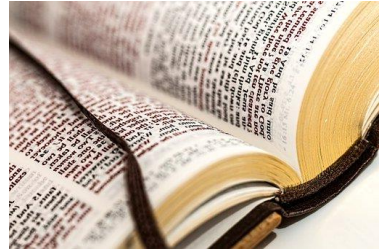
We will resume worship on **Sunday 30th August** at 11am in Cudham Church, livestreamed to facebook.

The restart at Downe will take longer, so look out for news about a September return. If anyone feels able to be part of a small group to help with Downe's restart, please speak to John.

Sue King would appreciate prayers for Donald as she looks after him at home and Chris Isbell would appreciate prayers for John as he prepares for surgery.

Meditation Group and Homegroup

You are invited to our last zoom homegroup before a Summer Break on **Wednesday, 29th July at 8pm** for a time of Bible Study where we will be focusing on today's reading from Matthew 13.31-33,44-52.



Zoom Meeting ID: 857 0218 8084 Passcode: 344719
Notes will be sent out at the beginning of the week.

The next **Meditation** for the group at home will be on Thursday 6th August at 10am.

More details can be found on the church website

<https://www.pcd.org.uk/church-life-and-activities/-meditation-and-homegroups/>

Prayer

As we return to church we plan to continue to **pray** for one another and our families covering everyone in our congregations, as well as praying for our parishioners in both our parishes. This week can we pray for Marita Gibbs and Brian Mackay (Cudham) and Sue and Donald King (Downe). Please also pray for our residents in the following streets – Green Hill (Downe) and Thrift Lane (Cudham), all businesses in the parishes, the self-employed, those on furlough and those who have returned to work...

Please remember John and Helen's son in law Côme and family as his grandfather Robert Ponroy has recently died.



Remember we have a **prayer chain** – please contact Pat Morbin if you have any prayer needs or requests and if you would like to be part of the prayer chain. Email office@pcd.org.uk or tel 07504827929 or 01959540012 and these will be passed on to Pat, all in confidence.

Beacons of Hope – This week The Rev Jane Winter, Assistant Director of Formation and Ministry, shares the hope she sees in the number of unique individuals who have taken up or completed courses on lay ministry or discipleship, during the pandemic. Endeavours that have seen them follow God's call for them in their lives – available on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yep6Uf9wCuc&feature=youtu.be>

Schools - Please continue to pray for Cudham and Downe schools as they have reached the end of a challenging term, as well as for members of our school community involved in schools, pre-schools and nurseries. John has now (remotely!) presented Scripture Union 'it's your move' books to Y6 leavers at both schools – you might enjoy a video based on Jesus calming the storm at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H8GVL6g7LYU>

It's easy to forget at such times that we have a God who is fully in control and perfectly loving, who hears our prayers and responds to them. We should then comfort ourselves with this knowledge and pray that God would keep us safe, that he would help those at the front line of treating the virus, and for it to be gone! If you have any concerns, please speak to John or one of the churchwardens.

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If you have anything you would like included in our weekly notice sheet please email any contributions by Wednesday evening to admin@pcd.org.uk tel 01959 571515.