

Sunday 26th July 2020: Service of Holy Communion at 11.00am in Cudham Church

(If you intend to come to church, please let Barbara know for capacity purposes - you can contact her by emailing admin@pcd.org.uk or leaving a message on 01959 571515

We are very much looking forward to our first service in church this Sunday since lockdown. The service will be led by Rev John and Helen Musson and will still be live streamed on our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/pg/PCDChurches/videos> at 11am.

We very much hope you will join us if it feels right for you to do so. Of course we are still far from returning to 'normal', and our service will be subject to social distancing guidelines and other guidelines laid down by the Church of England. Here are some questions and answers which we hope might be helpful:

What sort of service will this be? This will be a said service of Holy Communion. Singing is sadly still not permitted in church, so there will be no sung hymns but our organist will play for us. The Holy Communion itself will be in one kind, i.e. bread only.

Will there be a collection? There will be no collection during the service. We encourage everyone to give by direct debit or standing order. Please contact the treasurer on treasurer@pcd.org.uk if you would like to find out more about giving in this way to support the worshipping life of the parishes of Cudham and Downe.

What about children? We have removed toys and other items from the church, and the rear vestry will not be available. Your children should remain with you at all times while in church, although we are pleased to say that Denise will be holding Sunday Club for 3-11's outside on Sunday 26th during the service—she does need to know who is coming, so if you would like your children to join in please contact her - denise.angell@virginmedia.com - to book a place.

What about refreshments and toilets? We are unable to serve refreshments in church at the moment. You might like to bring some water if you need to for use during the service, as well as your own hand sanitiser. The toilet will be open. There is hand wash and hot water for you to use. After the service you might like to chat to others in the churchyard at a safe distance – why not bring a flask and use the benches in Cudham Rec?

What safety precautions will you have in place? You will enter as usual via the porch and follow a one-way route inside the church, including during the taking of Holy Communion. Arrows on the floor show where to go. Available pews and seats have been marked up, but a steward will guide you in the right direction. All Bibles and kneelers have been removed from the pews that we will be using – you might like to bring your own Bible with you! You will find orders of service and notice sheets in the pews. Please use them during the service and then take them home. If you don't want them, please leave them in the pew. You will be asked to use hand sanitiser on entering and leaving the church. Please keep a 2m distance between you and another person, including when going up for Holy Communion, except for those in your bubble if you are here together. When you arrive, a Steward will ask you for your name and contact telephone number. This is for the NHS contact tracing purposes only and your information will be stored confidentially and later destroyed. You will be directed by the stewards after the service to leave promptly and safely.

Do I need to wear a mask? The government and the Church of England guidance has now been revised and you are strongly advised to wear a face covering if you can.

When else can I visit the church? At the moment, the church is only open on Sunday morning for our services, though next Sunday's (2nd August) is outside at 11am. This will be a reflective service in the Churchyard (car park side) with special reflections for families too. We plan to resume more regularly on Sunday 30th August at 11am in Cudham Church.

I normally attend St Mary's Downe – can I come? Of course, and it will be great to see you. Please let Barbara know as we do need to keep an eye on numbers – details at the top of the page. We hope to resume worship in St Mary's Downe in the Autumn. If you feel able to be part of a small group looking at how we do this, please contact Rev John Musson – vicar@pcd.org.uk

I don't feel ready to come back into the church. What can I do? We understand that for some people the time will not be right to come back to church just yet. If you have online access, please visit our website pcd.org.uk where the latest video will be uploaded as soon as we can, or on facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/pg/PCDChurches/videos> or our youtube channel www.youtube.com/channel/UCs4iL6vqtF_t04VsY7ywOwQ where the Summer special recorded services with guest preachers from Church Society will be available at 10.30am on Sundays 9th, 16th, 23rd August. We look forward to welcoming you back when you are able to come.

Please contact Rev John Musson with any questions or concerns you might have – vicar@pcd.org.uk or telephone 01959 540012