



The United Benefice of Cudham and Downe

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Sunday 30th August - Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am - You are invited to join our livestreamed Morning Service from the Vicarage via our facebook page (click like on the page and then you'll be notified when it's on at 10.30am.)

<https://www.facebook.com/PCDChurches/live/> The service will be led by Rev John Musson and Ordinand Helen Musson.

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God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reading: Matthew 16.21-28

We will resume worship at both churches on -

Sunday 6th September – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Downe Holy Communion Matthew 18:15-20

11.00am Cudham All-Age Worship Matthew 18:15-20

John to lead and preach at both services, with the service at Cudham livestreamed on facebook. If the weather is fine we plan to hold the service outside in Cudham Churchyard. Please bring your own chair and you might like to arrive a bit early with a flask to chat (at a social distance) with others before the service starts, or after it finishes.

To provide safe as well as prayerful environments in our churches, social distancing will be in place and numbers will be limited at both churches, and face coverings are mandatory. If you are planning to come to either service, please email Barbara at admin@pcd.org.uk or leave a message on the church answerphone on 01959 571515.

If you expect your children to come to Sunday Club (resumes on Sunday 13th during the 11am service at Cudham and will be restricted to 5-11's only), please contact Denise denise.angell@virginmedia.com – please also let her know if your plans change – numbers will be limited in the Sunday Club room.

We will be sending out a brief note to those who receive this newsletter by email so you know what to expect, and what measures are in place for church to be Covid19 secure.

Sunday 13th September – Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Downe Morning Worship Matthew 18:21-25
Helen to lead and preach
Area Dean John will be at All Saints Orpington for the Induction of Rev George Rogers

11.00am Cudham Education Sunday – *Dan Finch, Head of School at Cudham will be speaking about his vision for the school as the new term starts*
Holy Communion and Sunday Club
Matthew 18:21-25 John to lead and preach

More information including order of service details can be found on our church website - <https://www.pcd.org.uk/services/> webpage.
Sunday School at home resources are also available via - <https://www.pcd.org.uk/children-and-young-people/> webpage.

Meditation Group and Homegroup – after their Summer break the **Homegroup** will resume this coming Wednesday 2nd September at 8.00pm. The zoom details are - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81805877250?pwd=TS9BWjIwNTZ5NDBidDIZenlajhpdz09> Meeting ID: 818 0587 7250 Passcode: 364312

The next **Meditation** for the group at home will be on Thursday 3rd September at 10am.

More details can be found on the church website <https://www.pcd.org.uk/church-life-and-activities/-meditation-and-homegroups/>

Our weekly reflection - Archdeacon Paul Wright, Archdeacon of Bromley and Bexley looks at our Gospel reading for today. We learn that Jesus is thinking about heavenly things. Archdeacon Paul asks, what are we thinking about and is it distracting us from God's purpose for our lives? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0nk9UO6-Cyl&feature=youtu.be>

A Level and GCSE exams results - as Chair of the Diocesan Board of Education, Bishop Simon Burton-Jones has written a message of support and encouragement to all students who have, or are yet to receive results, their families and teachers. He reminds them they are not defined by these results but are loved with an everlasting love by God. His message is available here - <https://www.rochester.anglican.org/communications/news/not-defined-by-results--bishop-simon-on-exam-results.php>

Faculty application – Cudham Church

Application has been made for a Faculty to authorise additional work to the windows around Cudham church, being to:

1. overhaul the sliding sash in the window in the wall opposite the stairs to an operable condition, clean and redecorate, and fit a black powder-coated weldmesh bird guard to the external face of the opening section
2. replace the existing window in the bell-ringing chamber with a side hung inward opening casement window with a diamond leaded panel in clear drawn restoration glass. A black powder-coated weldmesh bird guard is to be welded to the external face of casement.

In both instances the proposed works are to improve ventilation in the areas they serve and will be effected at the same time as the work authorised under Faculty number 1403.

Should you wish to know more, please contact Diane Kemp via the parish office 01959 571515 before 5th September (please leave a message and we will get back to you.)



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.

St Margaret's Church, Rainham will be hosting a **free online conference entitled What Now?** on Wednesday 16th September from 2pm till 4pm exploring the churches role in tackling racial injustice. The conference will be chaired by Bishop Simon Burton-Jones and speakers include:

- Amelia Gentleman – award winning Guardian journalist and author who broke the Windrush Scandal in the UK.
- Professor Anthony Reddie – author of books including 'Is God Colour Blind?'
- Revd Geoffrey Burn – author of 'Liberating the will of Australia'

Visit <https://en-gb.facebook.com/rainhamchurch/> or www.rainhamchurch.co.uk for details.

Prayer –

over recent months we have prayed and are continuing to do so 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 Bill and Beryl Roberts (Cudham) and Anne Edwardes-Evans (Downe). Please also pray for our residents in the following streets – Mill Lane (Downe) and Buckhurst Road (Cudham), all businesses in the parishes, the self-employed, those on furlough and those who have returned to work...

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

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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