



# The United Benefice of Cudham and Downe

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## **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February Second Sunday before Lent**

10.30am This week's Morning Service is recorded on YouTube/Facebook and will be premiered at 10.30am. Mark 1: 29-39. John to lead and preach.

Links -

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCs4iL6vqtF\\_t04VsY7ywOwQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCs4iL6vqtF_t04VsY7ywOwQ)  
and Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/PCDChurches/>  
where you will also find previous services too.

## **Second Sunday before Lent**

Almighty God,  
give us reverence for all creation  
and respect for every person,  
that we may mirror your likeness  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

More information including 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.

St Mary's Downe continues to be open each day and Cudham Church on Sundays between 10am and 3pm (weather permitting) for individual private prayer and you are invited (please wear a mask) to go along for a time of quiet reflection in our village church as part of your daily exercise. *If you are able to volunteer for an hour or so to supervise any visitors that may come in to Cudham Church as part of their daily exercise, please email Barbara at [admin@pcd.org.uk](mailto:admin@pcd.org.uk).*

## **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February Third Sunday before Lent**

10.30am Morning Service (recorded YouTube/Facebook)  
Mark 9:2-9 Rachel to lead and preach

**Daily Prayer** – Because of the situation we find around us, prayer is vital, as is meeting with each other. We would encourage you to join us for prayer on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings at 9.15am (note change of time) (zoom link -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87228965797?pwd=M1c1OTUzTFNsY3lxeW94Q25MV2xRdz09> ID: 872 2896 5797, Code: 644632)

and Evenings - 5.00pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (zoom link -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89851482423?pwd=Y3c5ZmJyUVpEQzN5bDUvV2FGRU53Zz09> ID: 898 5148 2423 Code: 458828).

There is time for a brief chat together after these short prayer times. You are also invited to join in on Wednesday mornings at 9am with the **Rochester Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship prayers** – this is a great time to meet with a larger praying group focused around scripture and evangelism – zoom details -

<https://zoom.us/j/753663617> ID: 753 663 617 Code: John316.

There is a chance to share in fellowship from 8.30am onwards.

**Prayer for the Nation** – in response to reaching the terrible milestone of 100,000 deaths from COVID-19, in an open letter to the nation the Archbishops of Canterbury and York invite all to call on God in Prayer. You are invited to set aside time every evening to pray, particularly at 6pm (or join us at 5pm) each day. More than ever, this is a time when we need to love each other. Prayer is an expression of love. For a copy of the Archbishops letter the link is -

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/prayer-nation>

## **Lent**

Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent will soon be with us. Details of online services, reflections, Lent Groups and readings as well as all-age activities will be available next week.



Would you like to be part of Cudham and Downe's **Easter project** by knitting or crocheting butterflies? which are often seen as a symbol of Easter. The project is about leaving butterflies scattered around our villages (from the 14<sup>th</sup> March) so that if people would like to pick one up and keep it they can. For an information sheet which includes easy patterns and other details please contact Rach by email - [rachel.vicarintraining@yahoo.com](mailto:rachel.vicarintraining@yahoo.com) or Beryl Packman - [beryl.packman@gmail.com](mailto:beryl.packman@gmail.com) Many thanks in advance and to those who have already offered their help.

**Our Churches YouTube Channel** - to help us achieve our full potential on YouTube we only need 100 subscribers! As we are very close to reaching that number we would ask you to consider subscribing if you have not already done so. This would help us to obtain a custom URL instead of having to use long complicated links each time. Thank you...

**Giving** - thank you to all who support the life of the church at Cudham and Downe through regular giving, especially during these times. As we experienced a substantial shortfall in giving in 2020, please consider giving a donation to your church if you can – contact treasurer John Isbell – [john.s.isbell@googlemail.com](mailto:john.s.isbell@googlemail.com)

**Bromley Borough Foodbank** - please pray for all those involved in the foodbank due to the Covid19 situation. You can find out the latest information and how you can help at [www.facebook.com/bromleyborough.foodbank.org.uk/](https://www.facebook.com/bromleyborough.foodbank.org.uk/)

## ***Meditation Group and Homegroup –***

**Homegroup** by Zoom meets this Wednesday (10<sup>th</sup> February) 8pm looking at Sunday's reading from Mark 1:29-39 – zoom details-

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84785498167?pwd=ano3bWJvNFY2U3pveDZYU0lHTTEvdz09> ID: 847 8549 8167 Code: 972034

The next **Meditation group** will be at 10am on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2021 in our own homes. The group follow the method taught by John Main, an English Benedictine monk – 'The way of the mantra is a way of generosity, of expansion and deepening, not in any sense a way of exclusion or narrowmindedness. It is a mystery of this journey that it makes us grow in our sensitivity to the presence of God and the goodness of his working in many unexpected areas of our lives' (Silence & Stillness in Every Season - John Main.) For more information visit the website: <https://www.christianmeditation.org.uk/>

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

***'For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future'. Jeremiah 29:11***

## ***Prayer***

***"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful"***  
***Colossians 4:2 NIV.***

Remember we also 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](mailto:office@pcd.org.uk) or tel 07504827929 or 01959540012 and these will be passed on to Pat, all in confidence.



At the beginning of 2021 we 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 Mark and Natalie Comley (Cudham) and Carol Harris (Downe). John and Rach are contacting those we are specially praying for each week; and any prayer requests will be prayed for with permission at Morning and Evening prayer. Please also pray for our residents in the following streets – Belle Vue Rd (Downe) and Cudham Lane North (Cudham), all businesses in the parishes, the self-employed, those facing unemployment, those who are working and for school pupils, university students and teachers.

Please remember in your prayers -  
the family of Sandy Gannack who died recently.

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 Rach –

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***If you have anything you would like included in our weekly notice sheet please email any contributions by Wednesday evenings to [admin@pcd.org.uk](mailto:admin@pcd.org.uk) tel 01959 571515***