



The United Benefice of Cudham and Downe

For the sake of others please do not attend if you have any symptoms of Covid19, and we encourage you also to wear a face covering if you feel it necessary to do so as cases remain high.

Welcome to our services in August

Thanks to all our Sunday Club leaders and helpers. Services during August will be all-age while Sunday Clubs take a break. Just before the service starts we invite you to keep a few minutes of silence. Parents with young children (pre-school age) are welcome to use the play area in St Katherine's at Cudham and the pray and play area at St Mary's, Downe.

Sunday 21st August Tenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Downe All Age Communion
 John to lead and preach
11.00am Cudham All Age Worship
 John to lead and preach

Reading: Luke 13: 10-17

With Cudham live streamed at www.facebook.com/PCDChurches

Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Congratulations to Kieran Walker and Harriet Laurie Smith Fellows on their marriage at St Mary's, Downe on Saturday 20th August.

Songs of Praise

Sunday 28th August at The Vicarage Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Songs of Praise Service at The Vicarage

If you have a favourite hymn or song that is special to you and would like included in the service please let John know by tel: 01959 540012 or email vicar@pcd.org.uk

Tuesdays 10am Holy Communion Services at Downe

Please note these services will resume on 6th September after the summer break.



Messy Church on Tuesday 30th August, 10.30am to 12.00pm followed by a light buffet lunch in the grounds of Cudham Church. (please bring a blanket to sit on).

Children, come along and have great fun getting messy! Enjoy art and craft activities on the theme of **Pilgrimage!** Don't forget to bring an adult or carer; they have to have fun too!

Free although donations are welcome. For further information or to book contact Denise Angell on 07957 206901 or email denise.angell@virginmedia.com

Peter Kettle, Rochester Diocese Poverty and Hope Appeal's coordinator thanks Cudham and Downe's congregations for their support and generous donations of £250 and £350 respectively. The 2022 Appeal will go towards rural education in Myanmar (a USPG project), support for minority communities in Bangladesh (Christian Aid) and support for people living in Brazilian slum (CMS). In addition the Poverty and Hope Appeal is investing in small-scale sustainability work in their companion dioceses in Tanzania and Zimbabwe.

From September we will be looking for a further helper to join our Sunday Club rota at Cudham once per month. If this is something that may interest you then please see Denise for more information.

Please pray for the family of Peter Bloomfield who passed away peacefully at home on Friday, 5th August. Honorary Alderman Bloomfield represented Darwin Ward for twenty-eight years (1982-2010) and served as Vice-Chairman of Development Control Committee for many years and Chairman of Plans Sub-Committees. There will be a private family funeral. The family has requested that instead of flowers, donations to St Christopher's Hospice (Registered Charity 210667) would be much appreciated. Anyone wishing to send a card at this sad time please send it to the family's home address: Ms Kathryn Hyde, "Ravenscraig", 136 Cudham Lane North, Cudham, Kent, TN14 7QS .

Meditation Group - the next Christian Meditation will be on Thursday 1st September at 10am in St Mary's. We look forward to seeing you. *NB: wearing a mask is encouraged and covid measures are in place.* The group follow the method taught by John Main, an English Benedictine monk
<https://www.christianmeditation.org.uk/>

Wednesday Evening Homegroup - will resume in September after the summer break.

Wednesday Ladies Fellowship at Elizabeth's house in Cudham. 10.15am – 12.30pm. Next meeting date in September to be advised. Please contact Barbara at barbiesherb@aol.com for more details.



Morning and Evening Prayer times will resume in early September after the summer break.

During these summer months why not take a walk around our very own **Prayer Labyrinth** in Cudham Churchyard... to pray and meditate.

New Bishop Please pray for Bishop Jonathan Gibbs as he becomes Bishop of Rochester on Saturday 24th September.

Pastoral Needs – our pastoral team is here to help, whether it's just for a chat or something that is troubling you. Why not give them a call on 07942 354533 or email pastoral.team@pcd.org.uk to arrange a visit or chat over the phone. We are here for you.

'Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually'
1 Chronicles 16: 11

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 07504 827929 or 01959 540012 and these will be passed on to Pat in confidence.



Let us continue to pray for one another and our families in our congregations, as well as our parishioners in both parishes. This week can we pray for Simon and Alison Wilson (Cudham) and Alexandra Sedighi (Downe). Please also pray for our residents in the following streets Mill Lane (Downe) and Mace Lane (Cudham).

Vicar: Rev John Musson, tel 01959 540012, mobile 07504827929
email vicar@pcd.org.uk Normal Day off Saturday

Curate: Rev Rachel Archer, tel 01959 700097 or 07305724870
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