

The United Benefice of Cudham and Downe



Welcome to our Church

*Refreshments are available from the kiosk at
Christmas Tree Farm*

Sunday 5 October



10.30am Downe

United Service celebrating St Francis of Assisi the Patron Saint of Animals, and Blessing of Animals at Christmas Tree Farm, Cudham Rd, Downe.

All welcome – including pets on a tight lead or in a pet carrier (or bring a photo).

Please dress up warm if needed and bring a garden chair if you need to sit down.

[Matthew 6. 25-34.](#) Led by Kim Curle

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers

of your people who call upon you;

and grant that they may both perceive and know

what things they ought to do,

and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Upcoming Services

Tuesday 7 October

9.00am Cudham Harvest service for Cudham Primary School at Cudham Church

Sunday 12 October

9.30am Downe Morning Worship

11.00am Cudham Holy Communion and **Sunday Club**

Both services led by Revd Canon Tim Hatwell

Sunday 19 October

9.30am Downe Holy Communion

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Both services led by Revd Canon Katrina Barnes

A message from Bishop Jonathan welcoming the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury

Dear sisters and brothers,

Over the last six months, the Crown Nominations Committee has been consulting and prayerfully meeting to seek God's guidance as to who should be the next Archbishop of Canterbury.

On Friday that process came to end, and I am delighted to learn of the appointment of Dame Sarah Mullally as the first female Archbishop of Canterbury.

Bishop Sarah has shown distinguished leadership in the Diocese of London and in the House of Bishops and I warmly welcome, and celebrate, her appointment.

I look forward to working with her closely here in Kent, and nationally, and ask you to join with me in praying for Sarah and her husband Eamonn, as she takes on this significant calling.

With my prayers and blessings

Bishop Jonathan, Bishopscourt, Rochester

You are very welcome to come along to the following:

Ladies Fellowship – Tuesday 14 October, 10am at Elizabeth's, Cudham

Christian Meditation – Thursday 16 October, 10am at St Mary's.

Prayer meeting – Tuesday 7 October, 10am at St Mary's.



For more details email admin@pcd.org.uk or tel: 01959 571515

Thank you to all those who helped to decorate our churches so beautifully for our Harvest Festival services. During this time of Harvest, if you would like to donate to our local foodbank please visit - [Bromley Borough Foodbank | Helping Local People in Crisis](#)



Hallowtide Light Party!
Thursday, 30th October 2025,
4.00pm to 5.30pm followed by a
light buffet tea at Downe
Village Hall, BR6 7UT

Children, come along and have great fun getting messy!
Enjoy free art and craft activities and party games. Don't forget to bring an adult or carer; they must have fun too!

Wear bright colours.

No charge - donations welcome on the day.

Booking required please for catering and supply purposes.

Contact Denise Angell on 07957 206901 or denise.angell@virginmedia.com for more info. and to book.



Let us continue to pray -

- ✚ For all those affected by the Manchester Synagogue attack on the 2nd October, the victims, their families and the Jewish community.
 - ✚ For our foodbanks that serve those in need.
 - ✚ For Cudham's school Harvest Festival service.
 - ✚ We give thanks for all creatures that share our world. For us to look after them and treat them with kindness, love and respect.
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While our churches have a vacancy for a Vicar, please email admin@pcd.org.uk or call the parish office on 01959 571515 to leave a message. Alternatively, contact one of the churchwardens below:

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Pastoral Care

Our pastoral care team is available should you feel the need to speak to someone about anything, whether it's just for a chat or if something is troubling you. You can contact them c/o 01959 571515 (please leave a message) or email admin@pcd.org.uk

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