

# The United Benefice of Cudham and Downe



Welcome to our Church



*Refreshments are available and we invite you to stay and enjoy meeting others before you go home*

## Sunday 17 May

9.30am Downe

Holy Communion, led by Revd Aji Adeloye  
[Acts 1. 1-11](#), [John 17. 1-11](#)

11.00am Cudham

Holy Baptism of Jude Albert Mills  
*Please pray for Jude and his family as we bring him to baptism.*  
Led by Revd Ann Uphill [John 17. 1-11](#)

## The Seventh Sunday of Easter

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone  
before,  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**



Banns are to be read at St Mary's on 17 May for Howard Moore and Ali Sleath in readiness for their wedding at Downe on Friday 31 July.

## Upcoming Services

### **Sunday 24 May - Pentecost**

9.30am Downe Morning Worship

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

*Both services led by Revd Canon Tim Hatwell*

You are invited to wear something red on Pentecost Sunday (if you would like to). The colour red traditionally symbolises the tongues of fire that rested upon the disciples at Pentecost.

### **Sunday 31 May**

10.30am Cudham United Worship Together  
*Led by Kim Curle*



Friday, 29 May 2026, 11.00 am to

12.30pm followed by a light buffet lunch, at

**Downe Village Hall, 24 High Street, Downe, BR6 7UT**

Come along and have great fun getting messy! Enjoy free art and craft activities on the theme of Pentecost Praise!

Children, don't forget to bring an adult or carer; they have to have fun too! **No charge - donations welcome on the day!**

Booking required please, for catering purposes, by Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> May.

Contact Denise Angell - [denise.angell@virginmedia.com](mailto:denise.angell@virginmedia.com) or tel: 07957 206901 for more information and to book.

**Churchyard Working Party** on Saturday 23 May  
from 10.00am at Cudham. Please join us if you can.



You are very welcome to come along to the following, and for more details please email [admin@pcd.org.uk](mailto:admin@pcd.org.uk) or tel: 01959 571515

**Ladies Fellowship:** Tues 19 May, 10am at Sue's, Cudham

**Christian Meditation:** The next meditation is planned for 11 June. *Please note there is no meeting in May.*

**TOGETHER** - copies of the free quarterly magazine from the Diocese of Rochester are available at the back of our churches and can be viewed online: [together-magazine-issue-29.pdf](#)



This spring and summer, the Church of England is exploring the theme of Pilgrimage. Through a new series of reflections, eight places which were important in the spread of Christianity in England - including a section on Kent - and the stories of saints who lived there, will be explored.

**Called Pilgrim Places, Holy Lives**, you can get involved by:

Downloading the [Everyday Faith app](#) where the new daily reflections will be available **25 May – 20 June**

Seeing the [centrespread of the diocesan Together magazine](#) for ideas to bring a sense of pilgrimage into daily life



Please remember in your prayers -

- + For our government and those in leadership roles across our country.
  - + For our two churches in Cudham and Downe during this time of vacancy, and for God to guide those who are considering applying to be our next priest in charge.
  - + For those who are housebound or isolated in our local communities and those recovering from illness.
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*While our churches have a vacancy for a Vicar, please email [admin@pcd.org.uk](mailto: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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