

The United Benefice of Cudham and Downe



Welcome to our Church

Sunday 18 May

10.30am Downe United Holy Communion

led by Rev Neil Coleman, Area Dean of Orpington

[Acts 11: 1-18](#), [John 13: 31-35](#)

Refreshments are available. Following the service our **Annual Meeting of Parishioners** (to elect churchwardens) and the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**, for both churches, will take place. Please join us if you can. (*No service at Cudham*).

Copies of the Annual Reports, Financial Statements and Organisation reports have been circulated to church members by email. There are some copies available on the church table.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God,

who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:

grant that, as by your grace going before us

you put into our minds good desires,

so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect;

through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

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

Upcoming services

Sunday 25 May

9.30am Downe Morning Worship

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

Sunday 1 June

9.30am Downe Holy Communion

led by Revd Canon Tim Hatwell

11.00am Cudham Worship Together

led by Kim Curle



at Downe Village Hall, BR6 7UT on
Friday, 30th May 2025, 10.30 am to

12.00pm followed by a light buffet lunch. Children, come along and have great fun getting messy! Enjoy free art and craft activities on the theme of Ascension and Pentecost Praise. 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.

Contact Denise Angell on 07957 206901 or

denise.angell@virginmedia.com for more info. and to book.

and ...

Messy Cathedral at Rochester, Saturday

31st May. A FREE event in the

cathedral. All families welcome: 1-3pm

Activities : 3.15pm Worship : 3.45pm Picnic

- bring your own. No need to book.





Cudham's next churchyard working party will be on Saturday 24th May from 10am. Please join us if you can.

You are very welcome to come along to the following:

Ladies Fellowship - Tuesday 20 May at 10am at Cudham.

Christian Meditation - Thursday 5 June at 10am at St Mary's

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

Prayer Festival Saturday 7 June, 10am – 4pm at
St Benedict's Centre, 52 Swan St, West Malling ME19 6JX

Deepen your relationship with God by exploring different ways to pray, at the Diocesan Spirituality Network's *Prayer Festival*.






Bishop Simon will deliver the keynote speech, and there will be workshops on a range of topics including:

- Pilgrimage
- Christian meditation
- Celtic prayer
- Pottery
- Icons
- and much much more

A suggested donation for the day is £10 to £20. To find out more or to book please use the following link -

<https://stbenedictscentre.org/programme/#prayerfestival>

Let us continue to pray.....

-  For one another in our church congregations and for our local communities.
-  For our United Benefice during this time of vacancy.
-  For pupils sitting their exams in the coming weeks.
-  For peace and reconciliation in areas of war and conflict. For all those who work for relief agencies and the common good.
-  For protection for the vulnerable, strength for the fearful and comfort for the grieving.

PRAYER

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:

For Cudham

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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 on 07942 354533 or email pastoral.team@pcd.org.uk

Website: www.pcd.org.uk

Parish Office: 01959 571515



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