



The United Benefice of Cudham and Downe

For the sake of others please do not attend if you have any symptoms of Covid19 or other respiratory illnesses.

Welcome to our services

Refreshments after the services are available and we invite you to stay and enjoy meeting others before you go home.

Sunday 26th February – First Sunday of Lent

09.30am Downe All Age Worship *with Lent Bags*

Matthew 4: 1-11

Kim to lead and preach

11.00am Cudham Holy Communion and Sunday Club

Exodus 24:12-18, Matthew 17:1-9

Rev Dr Sharon Smith to lead and preach

Sorry, no live streaming this week.

First Sunday of Lent

Heavenly Father,

your Son battled with the powers of darkness,

and grew closer to you in the desert:

help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer

that we may witness to your saving love

in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Tuesday 28th February

10.00am Downe Holy Communion Service at St Mary's – a *quiet and reflective service with refreshments afterwards.*

Sunday 5th March – Second Sunday of Lent

09.30am Downe Holy Communion

Genesis 12:1-4a; John 3:1-17

11.00am Cudham All Age Worship

John 3:1-17

John to lead and preach at both services

A Warm Welcome

If you feel lonely or would welcome being in a warm place with others, join us at no cost for morning coffee, some social & creative activities, and a hot lunch: 10.30am to 2.30pm on **Friday 3rd March at Cudham Parish Hall and Friday 31st March at Downe Village Hall**. To reserve a place or to let us know of others who might like to be invited



01959 571515 (incl. answerphone), or email

to admin@pcd.org.uk Vegetarian option available, and transport may be available.

Downe PCC – Next meeting **Tuesday 7th March** 7.45pm for 8pm in church, agenda items to John, please.

Sunday 12th March – Third Sunday of Lent

10.30am Downe United Service of Holy Communion
Exodus 17: 1-17; John 4: 5-42
John to lead and preach

Sunday 19th March – Mothering Sunday

09.30am Downe All Age Communion
John 19: 25b-27
John and Kim to lead

11.00am Cudham Morning Praise and Sunday Club
Colossians 3: 12-17, John 19: 25b-27
John to lead and preach

Sunday 26th March – Passion Sunday

(NB: clocks go forward)

11.00am Cudham Holy Communion (reading through the passion narrative – readings tba) and Sunday Club

6.30pm Downe Choral Evensong
1 Samuel 16: 1-13; John 9: 1-41

Tearfund Support for Turkey/Syria I'm sure all of us are praying for the situation following the Earthquake. You can find out more and give – see <https://www.tearfund.org/>

Meditation Group - Christian Meditation on Thursday 2nd March at 10am in St Mary's. We look forward to seeing you. The group follow the method taught by John Main, an English Benedictine monk <https://www.wccm.uk>

Wednesday Evening Homegroup – meets in person at Sue Everest's at 8pm on 1st March when we will be looking at chapter 1 – of our Lent Book 'Failure'. You can also join us by Zoom, Meeting ID: 847 8549 8167 Passcode: 972034 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84785498167?pwd=ano3bWJvNFY2U3pveDZYUolHTTEvdz09>

Wednesday Ladies Fellowship at Sue's, Cudham 10.00am – 12.30pm on 1st March. Please contact Barbara at barbiesherb@aol.com for more details.

For your Prayers

Prayer points for this week:

- For our school communities in Cudham and Downe.
- For our Warm Welcome event at Cudham Parish Hall on Friday.
- For Rev Rach and family as they settle in their new home in Liverpool Diocese.
- For plans for a Cudham Coronation Celebration event on Sunday 7th May.



Let us keep continuing 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 Bridget Law and George (Cudham) and Christopher Robbie (Downe). Please also pray for our residents in the following streets Orange Court Lane (Downe) and Berrys Hill (Cudham).

Following recent discussion at General Synod, you might like to read Bishop Jonathan's document about marriage based on Biblical values which can be found via this link - [Living in Love and Faith - Diocese of Rochester \(anglican.org\)](http://www.anglican.org). Anyone concerned about the outcome, please speak to Rev John.

We invite you to join us for our Morning and Evening Prayer times

Morning Prayer

9.30am Wednesday at St Mary's, Downe

Evening Prayer 5.00pm Monday - Friday on Zoom

Meeting ID: 898 5148 2423 Passcode: 458828

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89851482423?pwd=Y3c5ZmJyUVpEQzN5bDUvV2FGRU53Zz09>

Why not make joining with others for prayer a priority (even one day a week) during Lent?

Please pray for the families of those bereaved -

Finn Wilson, daughter of Simon and Alison Wilson who died last week.

Joy Holt, Ray Galton and Felicity Lever who have recently died.

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.

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.

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