



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 November – Christ the King

John Stott, Radical Discipleship week 5 – Simplicity

9.30am Downe Morning Worship -live streamed on YouTube
11.00am Cudham Holy Communion and Sunday Club.
Reading: Matthew 19: 13-26
Rev John to lead and preach

Christ the King

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Tuesday 28th November

10.00am Downe Holy Communion at St Mary's, Downe

Sunday 3rd December – Advent Sunday

9.30am Downe Holy Communion
Isaiah 64:1-9; 1 Peter 2:1-17
Rev John to lead and preach – 'Balance'
11.00am Cudham All Age Worship with creative activities, on the theme of 'On your Marks...!' as we embark on our Advent journey to Christmas. Isaiah 64:1-9. Kim to lead
4pm-6pm Downe Christmas Lights Switch On (5pm) in village, with Advent Crafts in St Mary's

Advent and **Christmas** – for full details of our Christmas services and events please take a Christmas Leaflet from the tables at the back of our churches for yourself and others.



An invitation to join us for our **Warm Welcome Christmas Special**. A day of fellowship and fun, with light refreshments, festive activities, and a hot **CHRISTMAS LUNCH – 10.30am to 3.30pm on Friday 8th December** in Cudham

Parish Hall. FREE, donations welcome. Vegetarian option provided and transport may be available. To reserve a place tel: 01959 571515 (incl. answerphone), or email admin@pcd.org.uk RSVP by Sunday 3rd December.

Christmas Choirs! If you would like to join the choirs for the Carol Services in Cudham and Downe please contact Rev John via vicar@pcd.org.uk or tel: 01959 540012. Rehearsals will take place on Monday evenings during December - 7.30pm in St Mary's, Downe (on 4th and 11th) and 7.30pm in Cudham Church (on 18th). All welcome.

FOOD BOXES FOR CHRISTMAS - Just £16 will provide a food



box (containing staple items like rice, maize, soap, margarine and soda) for vulnerable families. Can you help? The cost of basic food has risen dramatically this year in Uganda whilst incomes are falling and many are struggling to find paid work.

This year Nsumbi Trust are again distributing food boxes to families through their link church which operates in a densely populated part of Kampala. Please support them by clicking on the following link via Stewardship giving -

<https://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/christmasfoodboxes2023>

Alternatively, you can make a direct payment to the Nsumbi Trust account at the Co-op Bank, sort code: 08-92-99, account no: 65170263, ref: 'Foodbox2023'. Thank you.

Living in Love and Faith – Following General Synod's meeting and the narrowly agreed decision regrettably to authorise prayers for same-sex blessing, the CEEC have issued a statement which you might like to read - you can find it at

<https://ceec.info/responding-to-the-15-november-2023-general-synod-decision-looking-forward/>

Meditation Group - Christian Meditation on Thursday 7th December 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 – next meeting on Wednesday 29th November at Sue Everest's at 8pm focusing on Radical Discipleship Week 5 – Simplicity. All welcome.

Ladies Fellowship – will be meeting on Wednesday 29th November at 10.00am at Elizabeth's, Cudham. Please contact Barbara at barbiesherb@aol.com for more details.



Let us keep praying for one another and our families in our congregations, as well as our parishioners in both parishes. This week can we pray for Michael Hennessy (Cudham) and Howard Cheswick (Downe). Please also pray for our residents in the following streets Bogey Lane (Downe) and Cudham Park Road (Cudham).

Prayer points for this week:

- ✚ For Rev John and Kim & John leading Collective Worship in Cudham and Downe Primary Schools this Tuesday and Thursday, respectively.
- ✚ For our regular Pastoral Visitors' Team meeting at Downe Church on Wednesday morning.
- ✚ For the humanitarian crisis in Gaza and the efforts to release all those held hostage.
- ✚ For the Climate Emergency, especially those affected by natural disasters and extreme weather.
- ✚ For the ongoing conflict in Ukraine and all those caught up in war and civil strife.
- ✚ For ourselves as we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming Advent season.

Please pray for the situation in the Middle East - Embrace, a charity we support, has information and prayer news on their website - see www.embraceme.org/israel-palestine-news

Please pray for Graham and the family following the death of his mother Maisie Louden-Carter, whose funeral will take place on Thursday 30th November at 11am at St Mary's, Downe.
Please pray for the family of Ann Watford whose funeral is at Bluebell on 15th December

The LORD is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit – *Psalms 34:18*

You are invited to join us for our Morning & Evening Prayer times -

Morning Prayer 9.00am Monday, Thursday and Friday on Zoom.

Zoom details: Meeting ID: 872 2896 5797 Passcode: 644632

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87228965797?pwd=M1c1OTUzTFNsY3IxeW94Q25MV2xRdz09> Wednesday 9.30am prayers in Downe.

Evening Prayer 5.00pm Monday - Friday on Zoom

Meeting ID: 898 5148 2423 Passcode: 458828

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

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.

Vicar: Rev John Musson, tel 01959 540012, mobile 07504827929,

email: vicar@pcd.org.uk Normal Day off Saturday

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