



The United Benefice of Cudham and Downe

For the sake of others please do not attend if you have any symptoms of Covid19, which for Omicron includes those for a common cold. While face coverings are no longer mandatory, you might like to consider wearing one while moving around church for the sake of the more vulnerable. 'Let us love one another, because love is from God'

Welcome to our Services -

Sunday 27th February - Next before Lent

9.30am Downe All Age Worship
 Luke 9: 28-36 John to lead and preach
11am Cudham Holy Communion and Sunday Club & SC+
 2 Corinthians 3: 12 – 4:2; Luke 9: 28-43
 Rach to lead, John to preach

We are livestreaming Cudham's service on our Facebook page
www.facebook.com/PCDChurches

Both church services will have special prayers for the situation in the Ukraine. The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have written a pastoral letter to the Church of England calling for prayer for peace in Ukraine, which can be found at:

<https://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/news/pastoral-letter-archbishops-canterbury-and-york>

(copies also available at the back of church) urging Christians to make today a special day of prayer for Ukraine and Russia. We will also be holding a special prayer time at 6pm on Tuesday in St Mary's, Downe, along with Christians in other parts of Europe. You are also encouraged to keep Ash Wednesday as a day of prayer and fasting for peace.

Sunday Next before Lent

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your goodness
and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Tuesday 1st March –

10.00 am Downe Holy Communion Service at St Mary's



Tuesday 1st March Pancake Party

3.30pm-5pm in Downe Village Hall.

Come and join us as we explore what Shrove Tuesday is all about. Craft activities, stories, games and pancakes for all ages. This is a free event although

donations are welcome! Please let us know by emailing admin@pcd.org.uk if you're coming to help with pancake catering

2nd March Ash Wednesday Service 8pm in Cudham Church

LENT journey into prayer

We extend a warm invitation to join us this Lent into a deeper relationship with God through prayer. There are going to be lots of different things to join in with: a weekly Lent course looking at the Lord's Prayer, sermons on does prayer change God and why aren't my prayers being answered? prayer gatherings in different parishioner's homes, fortnightly meditation sessions, daily morning and evening prayer times on zoom, and a special prayer and healing service to name but a few. *If you feel able to host one of our prayer gatherings please let John know.*

To launch this season prayer bags will be given out during the morning services on Sunday 6th March (9.30am at Downe and 11am at Cudham). If you're not able to make either of these services and would like a prayer bag please let either John or Rach know and they'll make sure you get one.

Prayer bag making session: On Saturday 5th March from 10am-midday in Cudham Parish Hall we shall be making all the items to go into the prayer bag. Why not come along and give us a hand? Refreshments available and suitable for all ages and abilities. For more information please ask Rach (07305724870) or Rachel.vicarintraining@yahoo.com) Rach also asks for any small jam jars for Lent candle making as part of these bags.

Cudham PCC – members are advised that the next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 22nd March** at 8pm in Cudham Church. Please let John or Mark know if you have any agenda items.

Churches Together in Orpington Get Connected Get Creative.

Saturday 19th March 10am - 12 noon hosted by Green St Green Baptist Church, 1 Worlds End Lane, Orpington, BR6 6AA. A fun morning of activities for primary school aged children. Connect with God, connect with children from other churches and have lots of fun together! Tickets £2 per child. Booking and registration via Eventbrite - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/get-connected-get-creative-tickets-268788171657> For more information see noticeboard.

Ladies Fellowship at Elizabeth's house in Cudham Lane North on Wednesdays from 10.30am for 2 hours. Next meeting date is planned for 2nd March. Please contact Barbara barbiesherb@aol.com for more details.

Meditation Group – Christian Meditation is on Thursday 3rd March at St Mary's, beginning at 10am. *NB: wearing a mask is encouraged and covid measures are in place.* The group follow the method taught by John Main, an English Benedictine monk <https://www.christianmeditation.org.uk/>

Wednesday Evening Homegroup – Our parish Lent Course on prayer begins on Wednesday 9th March, 8pm by Zoom.

Living in Love and Faith: Having finished our Deanery LLF course, those who joined in or anyone who's looked at the material themselves is encouraged to complete the online questionnaire at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LLFcourse, to consider whether or not you feel the Church of England should retain its historic and biblical understanding of Marriage being between a man and a woman for life.



You are welcome to join us for Morning and Evening Prayer this week - prayer details and zoom links as follows, noting Wednesday 9.30am morning prayers will be held in Cudham Church and this Tuesday evening prayer is at 6pm in St Mary's Downe.

Morning Prayer 9.15am Monday, Thursday & Friday

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87228965797?pwd=M1c1OTUzTFNsY3lxeW94Q25MV2xRdz09> Meeting ID: 872 2896 5797 Passcode: 644632

Evening Prayer 5.00pm Monday-Friday (Weds 6pm in St Mary's)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89851482423?pwd=Y3c5ZmJyUVpEQzN5bDUvV2FGRU53Zz09> Meeting ID: 898 5148 2423 Passcode: 458828

Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of those who have recently died –

Bridget Robbie whose funeral service will take place in St Mary's, Downe on Friday 4th March at 2.30pm. The service will be followed by afternoon tea in Downe Village Hall. All welcome. For catering purposes please let Christopher, Tristan or Simeon know if you plan to be there - contact details are:

Christopher : christopher.robby@btinternet.com and 01689 856903

Tristan : tristan.robby@btinternet.com and 07887 632863

Simeon : simrobby@hotmail.com and 07912 982121

Carol Harris's brother Geoff; Ron Whyte from Downe and Margaret Dalton from Cudham.

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.

Let us continue 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 Chris and Fiona Harrison (Cudham) and Julian & Val Benington (Downe). Please also pray for our residents in the following streets–West Hill (Downe) and Snag Ln (Cudham).

Vicar: Rev John Musson, tel 01959 540012, mobile 07504827929 email vicar@pcd.org.uk Normal Day off Saturday

Curate: Rev Rachel Archer, tel 01959 700097 or 07305724870 Email Rachel.vicarintraining@yahoo.com Day off Monday



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