



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 March

Service Theme: Mary's prayer of thanks!

Reading: Luke 1:46-55

9.30am Downe All Age Worship
John and Kim to lead

11.00am Cudham All Age Communion
Rach to lead

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

Rochester Diocese now has a special webpage dedicated to how we can help with the events in Ukraine – see
<https://www.rochester.anglican.org/everyday-faith/ourfaithinaction/ukraine/>

The Third Sunday in Lent

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Tuesday 29th March - 10.00 am Downe Holy Communion
Service at St Mary's – *a quiet and reflective service*
8.00pm **Downe's PCC meeting** - agenda has now been
circulated, see you there!

LENT journey into prayer - we extend a warm invitation into a deeper relationship with God through prayer. There is a weekly Lent Course looking at the Lord's Prayer, sermons on prayer, prayer gatherings in different parishioner's homes, fortnightly meditation sessions, daily zoom morning and evening prayer times.



Weekly prayer gatherings – will be on:

Wednesday 30th March 2pm – 3.30pm, hosted by Chris Isbell

Monday 11th April 2pm – 3.30pm, hosted by Sue Everest

We are still looking for one more venue w/c 4th April – please let John know if you are able to host a gathering, maybe an evening?

Friday 1st April

8.55am Cudham School end of term Service in Cudham Church

10.30am-1pm **Space to breathe** come and join us for reflective activities, quality adult crafts, fellowship, and fun, all with an Easter theme, 10.30am in Cudham Church. All materials provided, including coffee and a hot cross bun on arrival, and packed lunch, all in the suggested £5 charge (pay on the day).

To reserve a place, please contact the church office on 01959 571515 or email: admin@pcd.org.uk All welcome!

Sunday 3rd April – Passion Sunday

11.00am Cudham All Age service with dramatic reading of the passion narrative (followed by Holy Communion) Rach to lead

6.30pm **Choral evensong** – at St Mary's, Downe when we'll be singing an anthem, some hymns, settings of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis. Rach to lead, John to preach *Choir rehearsals on 28th March from 7.30- 9pm and 5pm on Sunday 3rd.*

Sunday 10th April – Palm Sunday

10.30am at Downe United Palm Sunday All Age procession and Communion (meet at Christmas Tree Farm) with two donkeys – come and share with the village our Hosanna's and receive a palm cross as we begin Holy Week – John to lead and preach.

Holy Week and Easter Please take one of the cards and use it to invite friends and neighbours along to our Easter Services.



Look out for knitted Easter Eggs which will be left in the centre of our villages from Palm Sunday (Sunday 10th April) until Easter Day (Sunday 17th April).

14th April Maundy Thursday - this year we plan to hold an **All-age Agapé Meal in Downe Village Hall** from 6-7.30pm. Agapé has been a practice throughout the ages, a time for Christians to gather together around a meal, and on Maundy Thursday to help us remember and share in the meal that Jesus held with his friends the night before he died. We are looking for a few people to cook something like a shepherd's pie or provide a pudding for 6. Please can you let John know if you are able to help. If you'd like to come along, please sign the list at the back of church, or email admin@pcd.org.uk.

15th April Good Friday – **Messy Easter and Easter Egg Hunt!** from 10.30am – 12 noon at Cudham Church. Children, enjoy free art and craft activities on the theme of Easter. Light refreshments and hot cross buns provided. Don't forget to bring an adult or carer; they have to have fun too! Contact Denise Angell - denise.angell@virginmedia.com or tel: 07957 206901 for more information and to book.

Ladies Fellowship at Elizabeth's house in Cudham Lane North on Wednesdays from 10.30am for 2 hours. Next meeting date is planned for 30th March. Please contact Barbara at barbiesherb@aol.com for more details.

Meditation Group – Christian Meditation is on Thursday 7th April 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, using Pete Grieg's 24/7 prayer course (prayercourse.org) Session 5, is on Wednesday 30th March, 8pm by Zoom. Link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84785498167?pwd=ano3bWJvNFY2U3pveDZYUolHTTEvdz09> ID: 847 8549 8167 Passcode: 972034



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 at Cudham Church

Morning Prayer 9.15am Monday, Wednesday (9.30) and Thursday
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87228965797?pwd=M1c1OTUzTFNsY3lxeW94Q25MV2xRdz09> Meeting ID: 872 2896 5797 Passcode: 644632
Evening Prayer 5.00pm Monday - Friday
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89851482423?pwd=Y3c5ZmJyUVpEQzN5bDUvV2FGRU53Zz09> Meeting ID: 898 5148 2423 Passcode: 458828

Please remember in your prayers the families of:-
Frank Goodridge whose ashes will be interred at Downe on Tuesday 29th March at 2.30pm; Robert Ripley whose ashes will also be interred at Downe on Tuesday 29th March at 11.30am and Norah Wells whose funeral service takes place at Holy Innocents RC Church, Orpington on Monday 4th April at 12 noon.

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 Daren Kemp (Cudham) and Anne Edwardes-Evans (previously in Downe). Please also pray for our residents in the following streets Cudham Road (Downe) and Church Hill (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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