



The United Benefice of Cudham and Downe

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To provide safe as well as prayerful environments in our churches, social distancing and covid-19 measures will be in place, numbers will be limited to our services and face coverings (unless exempt) will need to be worn. If you are planning to come to any of our services it is necessary to email admin@pcd.org.uk or leave a message on the church answerphone – 01959 571515 to register your attendance.

Sunday 28th March (spring time - clocks forward one hour)

10.00am Downe All Age Service Mark 11:1-11

11.00am Cudham All Age Communion Mark 11:1-11

John to lead and Rach to preach at both services

Cudham's service will be livestreamed and you can also watch it later too via www.youtube.com/c/PCDChurches or www.facebook.com/PCDChurches

Palm Sunday

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and
love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.



Tuesday 30th March

10.00am Downe Holy Communion Service at St Mary's.
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-24, Mark 11:1-11
Rach to lead and John to deacon

Come and join us at our **Services during Holy Week and Easter – the most important week of the Christian year.**

Holy Week (Monday to Friday) 9pm Compline

Via zoom – Meeting ID: 847 8549 8167 Passcode: 972034

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84785498167?pwd=ano3bWJvNFY2U3pveDZYU0IHTTEvdz09>

Holy Week Trails around the outside of St Mary's, and Cudham Church for you to visit and **Cross of Remembrance** – bring a flower and attach to remember a loved one.

Maundy Thursday 1st April – United Service

7.30pm Cudham 1552 Holy Communion followed by Tenebrae. John to lead and Rach to preach.

Good Friday 2nd April

10.00am Cudham Outdoor All Age Service – we will be making Easter Gardens and hearing the story of Easter. Please bring something to sit on and your own refreshments for after the service.

2.00pm Downe Reflective Service (Stations of the Cross)

Easter Day Sunday 4th April

6.00am Cudham Sunrise Communion in churchyard
John 20:1-18 Rach to lead, John to preach.

10.00am Downe All Age Holy Communion Mark 16:1-8

11.00am Cudham All Age Holy Communion and Holy Baptism
Mark 16:1-8 Rach to lead, John to preach

Butterflies of Hope - as you walk around Cudham and Downe we invite you to find a knitted butterfly which is a symbol of hope and life (kindly knitted by local people.) These can be found in our villages until Easter Day. Please take one home with you. *A recipient of a butterfly emailed to say 'when I came across one of your butterflies of hope I just wanted to say thank you so much to whoever made them. What a lovely gesture - I shall cherish mine.'*



Churches Together in Orpington - below is a handy link to their Virtual Good Friday Worship Service – 10.30am

<https://orpingtonbaptistch.wixsite.com/website/copy-of-home-1>

available via Facebook or YouTube.

Walking for Cancer Research - my mum died of cancer 30 years ago when she was the same age as I am now. This is the fourth year that I have accepted this challenge but this year is particularly pertinent. Please support this cause and encourage me to smash the 10,000 a day every day in March. This year my steps can be seen on the website, my Fitbit is synched with my fundraising page -

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/beryls-walk-all-over-cancer-fundraising-page-5> Thank you, Beryl Packman.

Diocesan Lent Reflections as part of our journey #LiveLent God's Story, Our Story journey continues. This week, the Rev Canon Dr Gordon Giles, Canon Chancellor at Rochester Cathedral, reflects on the theme: Finding echoes of the story of Jesus in our world today - Building a bridge to the good news through books and films. <https://vimeo.com/509748913>

Lent Course – last session on Wednesday 31st March at 7.45pm. Full details can be found on our churches website - <https://www.pcd.org.uk/services/-journey-through-lent/>

Meditation Group – the next **Meditation group** will be at 10am Thursday 1st April 2021 in our own homes. The group follow the method taught by John Main, an English Benedictine monk – for more information visit: <https://www.christianmeditation.org.uk/>

Remember we have a **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 07504827929 or 01959540012 and these will be passed on to Pat, all in confidence.

The funeral of Terry Greenaway will take place in St Mary's Downe on 12th April and that of Dorothy Pope who grew up in Cudham in Cudham Church on 15th April.

Prayer – 1 Chronicles 16:11

'Look to the LORD and his strength, seek his face always'

We are continuing to pray for one another and our families in our congregations, as well as praying for our parishioners in both our parishes. This week can we pray for Phil, Diane & Daren Kemp (Cudham) and Caryn Newell (Downe). John and Rach are contacting those we are specially praying for each week. Any prayer requests will be prayed for with permission at Morning and Evening prayer. Please also pray for our residents in the following streets – New Road Hill (Downe) and Downe Road (Cudham), and those still affected by Covid in any way.

It's easy to forget at such times that we have a God who is fully in control and perfectly loving, who hears our prayers and responds to them. We should then comfort ourselves with this knowledge and pray that God would keep us safe, that he would help those at the front line of treating the virus, and for it to be gone! If you have any concerns, please speak to John or Rach –

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