



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 are available and we invite you to stay and enjoy meeting others before you go home.

Sunday 28th April – Fifth Sunday of Easter

NB: No morning service at Downe

11.00am Cudham Holy Communion and Sunday Club
Readings: Acts 8:26-40; John 15:1-8
Rev Nigel Poole to lead and preach



Banns to be read for
Charlotte Hussey and Jim Kean

2.00pm Downe May Queen Service Kim to lead

Sorry, no livestreaming of our services this week.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Tuesdays 30th April and 7th May

10.00am Downe Service of the Word (30th April)
Holy Communion Service (7th May) –
quiet and reflective services.

Cudham Lane North continues to be closed in the coming weeks due to gas pipes being replaced, and there is a signed diversion in place via Rushmore Hill. We have been informed these works are on schedule.

Sunday 5th May – Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.30am Downe Holy Communion
Readings: Acts 10: 44-48; John 15: 9-17
Rev John to lead and preach

11.00am Cudham Worship Together '**I have called you friends**' based on John 15: 9-17.
Kim and John to lead, Rev John to preach

Come and join in our worship together as we reflect on what it means to follow Jesus' example of true friendship. Including creative activities, light refreshments, and Table Talk, in a time of fellowship and friendship for all the family.

Thursday 9th May – Ascension Day

7.30pm Downe Holy Communion. Readings: Acts 1: 1-11; Luke 24: 44-53. Rev John to preside and preach, Kim to deacon

Sunday 12th May

10.30am Downe United Holy Communion Service with Sunday Club, followed by **APCM** for both churches.
Readings: Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26; John 17: 6-19. Rev John to lead and preach.
All welcome, please do join us.

Sunday 19th May – Pentecost Praise Party

3.00pm Cudham To celebrate we'll be holding a special all age service inside and outside Cudham Church, ending with afternoon tea. There's a planning meeting for the service at 7.30pm on Wednesday 8th May in Cudham Church – please come along to share your ideas for the afternoon. If you can't be there but would like to help in any way please contact Rev John as soon as possible.

Messy Church Tuesday 28th May, 10.30am to 12.00pm followed by a light buffet lunch at Downe Village Hall. Free art and craft activities on the theme of the **Fruit of the Spirit**. Please contact Denise Angell on 07957 206901 or denise.angell@virginmedia.com for more info and to book.

Rochester DEF in partnership with CEEC day conference
'Sharing Jesus Now' on Saturday 18th May, 9.30am – 4pm at St Margaret's. Halstead, TN14 7HQ. A conference to equip Christians across our Diocese to seize the opportunities and face the challenges of engaging with the world in our time and place. Main speakers are Glen Scrivener (Speak Life) and John Dunnett (CEEC). £10 (£5 concessions), includes refreshments, but please bring own lunch. Book now at www.tonbridgeparishchurch.org.uk via EVENTS tab.

Cudham and Downe Electoral Rolls – applications to join our electoral rolls have now closed with the deadline date of 26th April. The new rolls will be published ahead of our APCM on 12th May.

Meditation Group - Christian Meditation will take place on Thursday 2nd May at 10.00am 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>

Ladies Fellowship – will be meeting at 10am on Tuesday 7th May at Sue's, Cudham. Please contact Barbara at barbiesherb@aol.com for more details.

Home Group – Our weekly homegroup will be moving to Monday afternoons at 2pm starting on 13th May when we shall be resuming our study on Pete Greig's lectio divina course. All welcome to this time of study and fellowship.



'Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always' 1 Chronicles 16:11.

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 and Barbara Sheret (Cudham) and Jane Shaw (Downe). Please also pray for our residents in the following streets – Bird House Lane (Downe) and Cudham Lane North (Cudham).

Prayer points for this week:

- ✚ For the complete healing of the King and the Princess of Wales after their recent cancer diagnoses.
- ✚ For the May Queen service and celebrations in Downe on Sunday afternoon.
- ✚ For Kim and John taking Collective Worship at Cudham and Downe Primary Schools this Tuesday and Thursday.
- ✚ For young people sitting their GCSE and A-level exams.
- ✚ For Anna Chaplains in their spiritual care of older people.
- ✚ For the local government elections on Thursday.
- ✚ For peace in the Middle East and the release of those held hostage, and their families who watch and wait.
- ✚ For the people of Ukraine and all caught up in relentless situations in our troubled world.

Prayer chain – please contact Rev John Musson if you have any prayer needs or requests. Email vicar@pcd.org.uk or tel: 07504 827929.

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 07504 827929 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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