



The United Benefice of Cudham and Downe

To provide safe as well as prayerful environments in our churches, social distancing and covid-19 measures are in place and we still encourage you to wear a face covering (unless outside). We also recommend you take a lateral flow test before you come to church. Please do not attend if you have any symptoms of Covid19, which for Omicron includes those for a common cold



Sunday 30th January Candlemas

10.30am Downe United Christingle
Service including Holy Communion
Luke 2: 22-40 (pg 1028)
John and Kim to lead

We are livestreaming Downe's service on our
Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/PCDChurches>

Candlemas

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us, and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God.

Tuesday 1st February - 10.00 am Downe Holy Communion
Service at St Mary's. *A quiet and reflective service led by Rev
George Rogers, Vicar of All Saints Orpington*

Sunday 6th February – Fourth before Lent

(70th Anniversary of accession of Queen Elizabeth II)

9.30am Downe Holy Communion Service

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11; Luke 5: 1-11

11.00am Cudham All Age Worship 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11
John to lead and preach at both services

Living in Love and Faith – on Wednesday 2nd, 9th & 23rd February 2022 at 8.00pm – it's not too late to register your intention to attend this course which due to the rising cases of Covid will be by Zoom. It is to be hoped that if the Covid situation changes then there may be the possibility of welcoming people to All Saints' Orpington, at Bark Hart Rd, BR6 0QD personally. Orpington Deanery are the hosts of this free weekly course for five weeks on Living in Love & Faith. The course facilitator is Rev'd Jane Winter, Diocesan Advocate for Living in Love and Faith. Christian Teaching and Learning about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. Each session includes an introduction to the topic, real life stories, bible study, time for questions and conversation, prayer. The course is open to everyone. Please email orpdeanerysynod@gmail.com to register your place and for the zoom link details. For a YouTube video with Jane Winter explaining why the course is important, please use the link - https://youtu.be/d_EzAVfpHMA



– a huge thank you to all those who help make our services possible by reading God's word, leading intercessions, stewarding, playing music, helping with administering communion or helping with the children's groups in Cudham and Downe. We could do with more on the

rotas, though. Please pray to see if God is calling you to assist in any of these ways and if so please let Vicar John, Churchwardens Chris (at Downe), Diane or Mike (at Cudham) know. Full training and support will be given!

There will be a Retirement Farewell Service at Rochester Cathedral on **Sunday 20th February at 3.15pm** for Paul Wright, Archdeacon of Bromley and Bexley. If you would like to attend the service please let John know as soon as possible.

Please pray for Christopher Robbie and family following the death of Bridget who died recently. Funeral details will be announced soon.

Messy Church on Friday 18th February, 10.30am to 12 noon at Downe Village Hall, 24 High St, Downe, BR6 7UT. Enjoy free art and craft activities on the theme of **Love!** Children come along and have great fun getting messy! Don't forget to bring an adult or carer; they must have fun too! No buffet yet - a goody bag for every child instead - donations are welcomed. Families will be seated at socially distanced tables so booking will be required. Spaces are limited. Contact Denise Angell on 07957 206901 or denise.angell@virginmedia.com for more information and to book.

Nsumbi Trust have sent us New Year greetings in the past week, thanking everyone for their support and generosity. Their December fundraising campaign provided over 150 Christmas Food Boxes to needy families and they were also pleased to report that donations received in memory of Jill Adkin raised over £4,000.00. The Jill Adkin Scholarship Fund will help students extend their education and attend University. As schools reopened in January some of the children have returned to continue their education. Please pray for the staff, students and families as there are considerable challenges, anxiety and problems for many children and their families.

Ladies Fellowship at Elizabeth's house in Cudham Lane North on Wednesday 2nd February from 10.30am for 2 hours. Please contact Barbara barbiesherb@aol.com for more details.

Meditation Group – Christian Meditation is on Thursday 3rd February at St Mary's, beginning at 10am. *NB: wearing a mask is mandatory 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 – group members are encouraged to attend the Living in love and faith course this side of February.

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 in confidence.



You are welcome to join us for Morning and Evening Prayer this week: On Wednesdays we will be meeting in person at Cudham Church office for 30 minutes of prayer at 9.30am.

On other days, details and zoom links are as follows –

Morning Prayer 9.15am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87228965797?pwd=M1c1OTUzTFNsY3IxeW94Q25MV2xRdz09> 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

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 Sue Everest (Cudham) and Ali, Samuel and Abigail Sleath (Downe). John and Rach are contacting those we are specially praying for each week and any prayer requests will be prayed for with permission at Morning and Evening prayer. Please also pray for our residents in the following streets – Bogey Lane (Downe) and Bombers Lane (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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