



## 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 and we wish you all  
a very Happy New Year*

### **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December – The First Sunday of Christmas**

10.30am Downe Café Church in Downe Village Hall, with refreshments.

Reading: Luke 2: 15-21

Rev John to lead and preach.

Café Church will be livestreamed on our YouTube channel -  
<https://www.youtube.com/pcdchurches>

It's also not too late to watch Carols by Candlelight -  
<https://youtu.be/5q8CttENiko>

### **The First Sunday of Christmas**

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love:  
gather the nations to be one family,  
and draw us into your holy life  
through the birth of Emmanuel,  
our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024** – bring in the new Year with Cudham Village Club in Cudham Church. Gather in the church to hear the bells ringing at 11.30am and to enjoy cheese and wine with friends and neighbours.



10.00am **Holy Communion Services** at St Mary's, Downe will recommence on 16<sup>th</sup> January.

*With appreciative thanks to all those who helped with decorating our churches this Christmastime or helped in any other way.*

*Kate also thanks all those who came Carol Singing around Hazelwood just before Christmas when over £260 was raised for Bromley Homeless!*

## **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January – The Epiphany**

- 9.30am Downe Holy Communion (will take place in the village hall if St Mary's is cold as we await the installation of the new heating boiler).  
Readings: Isaiah 60: 1-6, Matthew 2: 1-12  
Rev John to preach and lead
- 11.00am Cudham All Age Worship  
Reading: Matthew 2: 1-12  
Kim to lead in St Katherines

**United PCC Meeting** – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 7.45pm for 8pm start in Cudham Church. Agenda items to Rev John as soon as possible, please.

## **14th January – The Second Sunday of Epiphany**

John Stott, Radical Discipleship final chapter (week 8) –  
'Last things'

- 9.30am Downe Morning Praise with prayers for healing (in village hall if cold)
- 11.00am Cudham Holy Communion with prayers for healing and Sunday Club
- Readings: 2 Cor 1: 8-10, John 1: 43-end  
Rev John to lead and preach at both services

***Meditation Group*** - Christian Meditation will take place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January. We look forward to seeing you. The group follow the method taught by John Main, an English Benedictine monk <https://www.wccm.uk>

***Wednesday Evening Homegroup*** –The group will be meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> January at Sue Everest's at 8pm.

***Ladies Fellowship*** – will be meeting on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 10.00am at Sue's, Cudham. Please contact Barbara at [barbiesherb@aol.com](mailto:barbiesherb@aol.com) for more details.



**Remembrance Trees** are still outside St Mary's, Downe and Cudham Church if you would like to tie a ribbon or decoration in memory of a loved one.



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 Phil and Diane Kemp (Cudham) and Nicola Howard (Downe). Please also pray for our residents in the following streets Green Hill (Downe) and Church Hill (Cudham).

Please pray for Dorothy and family following Dave Witherspoon's death recently. His funeral service will take place in January.

*The LORD is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit – Psalm 34:18*

*Prayer points for this week:*

- ✚ For staff and pupils as they settle into the new school term.
- ✚ For our regular church activities as they resume in the New Year.
- ✚ For the humanitarian crisis in Gaza and the release of more hostages.
- ✚ For the ongoing conflict in Ukraine and all those caught up in war and civil strife.
- ✚ For God's peace in our hearts and homes and in this troubled world.
- ✚ For God's leading by the power of His Holy Spirit in 2024.

Please continue to pray for the situation in the Middle East - Embrace, a charity we support, has information and prayer news on their website – <https://embraceme.org/israel-palestine-news>

***Please note Morning & Evening Prayer times will re-start on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January – why not make it a New Year's resolution to join with others for prayer once each week?***

**Prayer chain** – please contact Rev John Musson if you have any prayer needs or requests. Email [vicar@pcd.org.uk](mailto:vicar@pcd.org.uk) or tel: 0750827929.

**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 07942 354533 or email [pastoral.team@pcd.org.uk](mailto:pastoral.team@pcd.org.uk) to arrange a visit or chat over the phone. We are here for you.

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*If you have anything you would like included in our weekly notice sheet please email any contributions by Wednesday evenings to [admin@pcd.org.uk](mailto:admin@pcd.org.uk)*

