

September saw the relaunch of Sunday services at Cudham and Downe – Downe’s service has moved to 10am – Sundays and Tuesdays, which fits in well with the first bus, Cudham remains at 11 on Sundays ; we’ve held two services outside and have just started having some singing during services; still no congregational singing, but if anyone wants to come and be part of a small singing group to help lead worship please let me know – no auditions will be held! Sunday Club has also now restarted during the 11am service at Cudham on all but the first Sunday of each month but as space is limited, please book in with Denise - denise.angell@virginmedia.com. We will also continue to live stream services on Cudham and Downe Church Facebook page www.facebook.com/pg/PCDChurches/videos

Sunday 4th October is St Francis day – for the last couple of years we’ve held an outdoor service at Christmas Tree Farm Downe – the new restrictions mean we’ll not be there this year, and plans for the Autumn might mean some other changes, so please sign up to receive regular updates by contacting Barbara at admin@pcd.org.uk

On Sunday 4th 11am at Cudham it’s our All-Age Harvest Festival and will be led by Rev Rachel Archer, Curate (assistant minister) at Cudham and Downe. It’s great to have Rachel as part of the team, and we look forward to her ministry amongst us over the coming years.

It seems ages ago now, but you will remember the food shortages in March – no toilet rolls or flour in the shops, and queues outside supermarkets. Hopefully these things will not return, but it’s a good reminder of those we rely on for food supplies. In the first book of the Bible just after Noah and his family survived the flood, and God gave the sign of the rainbow (another powerful symbol this year!) God says to humankind ‘As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night shall never cease’.

Yet for many in the world, and those who rely on foodbanks in our own country, this rhythm of life is insecure. That’s why during our harvest thanksgiving we need to pause, give thanks for what we have, and see how we can reach out to those in need - through the Poverty and Hope appeal and by bringing foodbank donations to the Harvest Service - please book in though – Sunday 4th October 11am.

Rev John Musson