



The United Benefice of Cudham and Downe

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Sunday 10th January – Morning Service

Baptism of the Lord Mark 1:4-11

As we are moving our Worship online because of the Covid-19 situation, this week's service is recorded on youtube/facebook and will be premiered at 10.30am and led by Rach. The link is <https://youtu.be/FoWqOcpPO2U> and will also be available on our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/PCDChurches/> On YouTube and Facebook you'll also find previous services too!

First Sunday of Epiphany

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Sunday 17th January – Second Sunday of Epiphany

service recorded on youtube/facebook and premiered at 10.30am
2 John 1:43-51 led by John and Helen

Sunday 24th January - Third Sunday of Epiphany

service recorded on youtube/facebook and premiered at 10.30am
Mark 1:14-20 John to lead, Rach to preach

Sunday 31st January Candlemas/Presentation of Christ in the temple

Luke 2:22-40 at 10.30am Service by Zoom, led by Rach

St Mary's Downe continues to be open each day and Cudham Church on Sundays between 10am and 3pm for individual private prayer and you are invited (please wear a mask) to go along for a time of quiet reflection in our village church.

Meditation Group and Homegroup –

Homegroup by Zoom meets this Wednesday (13th) 8pm looking at Sunday's reading from – zoom details

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84785498167?pwd=ano3bWJvNFY2U3pveDZYU0lHTTEvdz09> ID: 847 8549 8167 Code: 972034

The next **Meditation group** will be at 10am on Thursday 21st January 2021 in our own homes.

More details can be found on our churches website webpage -

<https://www.pcd.org.uk/church-life-and-activities/-meditation-and-homegroups/>

Daily Prayer – Because of the situation we find around us, prayer is vital, as is meeting with each other. We would encourage you to join us for prayer on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings at 9.15am (note change of time) (zoom link -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87228965797?pwd=M1c1OTUzTFNsY3lxeW94Q25MV2xRdz09> ID: 872 2896 5797, Code: 644632)

and Evenings - 5.00pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (zoom link -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89851482423?pwd=Y3c5ZmJyUVpEQzN5bDUvV2FGRU53Zz09> ID: 898 5148 2423 Code: 458828).

There is time for a brief chat together after these short prayer times. You are also invited to join in on Wednesday mornings at 9am with the **Rochester Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship prayers** – this is a great time to meet with a larger praying group focused around scripture and evangelism – zoom details -

<https://zoom.us/j/753663617> ID: 753 663 617 Code: John316.

There is a chance to share in fellowship from 8.30am onwards.

Bible Society – an invitation to Hope: Mission through Prayer and Lament is planned on 9th February 2021 from 10am to 11.30am. You will need to book a place and full details can be found via their website:

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/landing/an-invitation-to-hope-mission-through-prayer-and-lament>



Epiphany Messy Church - as we won't be able to meet up for Epiphany Messy Church you are invited to celebrate and have fun getting messy at home! For details of the crafts and instructions

visit our website <https://www.pcd.org.uk/children-and-young-people/messy-church/> and take a look at the YouTube video - <https://youtu.be/juRnVY1TE-Y> where Denise demonstrates the activities. We hope you enjoy them.



Nsumbi Trust Thanks to all those who gave to their Christmas Food Box appeal which raised £2500. This helped provide baskets to over 150 needy and vulnerable families during the Christmas period. You can see more at www.youtube.com/watch?v=EprwRjEGONw Uganda is still facing many additional challenges as a result of the pandemic but there is currently increasing unrest due to the presidential election due to take place over the next week. Please remember the people of Uganda in your prayers.

Giving - thank you to all who support the life of the church at Cudham and Downe through regular giving, especially during these times. As we had a large shortfall in giving in 2020, please consider giving a donation to your church as we go into the New Year – contact treasurer John Isbell –

john.s.isbell@googlemail.com

Stories of Hope: Comfort and Joy. The Rev Sharon Copestake, vicar at St Francis, Strood, tells us about their *Click and Connect* online community offering friendship and support via <https://www.youtube.com/watch?list=PLC1gFRuuMWtFXGViRy7j1BbT7tpvLc-gG&v=zKmR0gzzzAw&feature=youtu.be>

We are planning something similar here at Cudham and Downe, so if you feel able to host 45 minutes of coffee/tea and chat on Tuesday mornings at 10am or Thursday afternoons at 4pm, please let John know and we'll talk you through what to do!

Bromley Borough Foodbank - please pray for all those involved in the foodbank as it's temporarily closed due to a case of Covid19. You can find out the latest information and how you can help at www.facebook.com/bromleyborough.foodbank.org.uk/

Diocesan Job vacancy - Safeguarding Trainer

This is a part-time, 2 year fixed contract position to join the Diocesan Safeguarding Team. Closing date Monday 11th January 2021. For more information visit <https://rochester.anglican.org/diocese/vacancies>

'For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future'. Jeremiah 29:11

Prayer

"I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer" Psalm 17:6 NIV.

Going into the New Year we continue to pray for one another and our families covering everyone in our congregations, as well as praying for our parishioners in both our parishes. This week can we pray for Ian Webb and Kate Brignall (Cudham) and John and Anthea Bowers (Downe). Please also pray for our residents in the following streets – High Elms Road (Downe) and Grays Road (Cudham), all businesses in the parishes, the self-employed, those facing unemployment, those who are working and for school pupils, university students and teachers.

Please remember in your prayers -

the family of Phil Baxter from Cudham (*Cottage Farm Turkeys*) who died recently.

Sue Nettlefold and her family as Sue's mother June died recently as well as Kim Curle following the death of her mother Anita last weekend.

Remember we also 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.



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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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 tel 01959 571515