

# The United Benefice of Cudham and Downe

Welcome to our Church



## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December

10.30am Cudham **Christingle service** for both churches  
led by Kim Curle

*A joyful celebration that brings families and communities together to share the light of Jesus and spread a message of hope.*

## The First Sunday of Advent

Almighty God,  
as your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness of sin to the  
light of holiness,  
that we may be ready to meet you  
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ..

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*Refreshments are available after the service, and we invite you to stay and enjoy meeting others before you go home.*

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**Downe Christmas lights** will  
be switched on today from 5pm



## December services

### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

9.30am Downe Morning Worship *led by Ian Gillies*

11.00am Cudham Holy Communion **and Sunday Club**  
*led by Rev Vince Short*

### **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

10.00am Downe Holy Communion *led by Canon Jane Winter*

### **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

10.00am Downe Downe Primary School End of Term  
Christmas service *led by Kim Curle*

### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

9.30am Downe Holy Communion *led by Rev Ann Uphill*

11.00am Cudham Morning Worship **and Sunday Club**  
*led by Abi Hiscock*

### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

9.00am Cudham Cudham Primary School End of Term  
Christmas service *led by Kim Curle*

### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

4.00pm Downe Carols by Candlelight *led by Rev Peter Morris*

6.30pm Cudham Carols by Candlelight *led by Rev Peter Morris*

### **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

4.00pm Cudham Nativity Play



### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

9.30am Downe All-age Communion

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### **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December**

10.30am Downe Morning Worship *led by Canon Paul Jenkins*  
"Looking back over 2024 and forward to 2025"

*Please email any contributions to be included in our weekly notice sheet by Wednesday evening to [admin@pcd.org.uk](mailto:admin@pcd.org.uk)*

*You are very welcome to come along to the following:*

**Home Group** – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2pm at Sue Everest's.

**Prayer** – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 10am, at St Mary's, Downe.

**Christian Meditation** - Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> December, 10am at St Mary's

**Ladies Fellowship** – to be advised

[admin@pcd.org.uk](mailto:admin@pcd.org.uk) or call 01959 571515 for more details

## **Warm Welcome Christmas Special**

Festive activities and a hot **CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

10.30am to 3.30pm on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

at Cudham Parish Hall. FREE, but donations welcome.

**Pre-booking essential by Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December.**

To reserve a place ☎ 01959 571515 or email [admin@pcd.org.uk](mailto:admin@pcd.org.uk)

Vegetarian option provided, and transport may be available.

Ian Webb, our church organist, will be leading a children's choir to sing at Cudham's Carol service on 22nd December.



We are inviting children aged 6 or above, older boys with treble voices and older girls. Rehearsals will be weekly from early December and will be arranged around those who wish to join.

Contact Kate on 078979 428981 if your child is interested.

Calling all children to join and celebrate our 2024 **Nativity Play at Cudham Church on Christmas Eve.**

Rehearsals are held the week before.

Please contact Denise Angell on 07957 206901 or

[denise.angell@virginmedia.com](mailto:denise.angell@virginmedia.com) for more details.





Many people in Uganda are struggling to feed their families. We will distribute a food basket to as many families as possible. Each basket costs £16 and will contain items like bread, rice, maize, bananas and some treats to bless families at Christmas. To donate any amount: [Nsumbi Trust Christmas Food Basket Appeal 2024 | Stewardship](#)

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***Pastoral Needs*** – Is something troubling you? Please call our pastoral team leader John Curle on 07942 354533 for a chat or email [pastoral.team@pcd.org.uk](mailto:pastoral.team@pcd.org.uk) to arrange a visit.

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Please keep Thelma and the family in your prayers, following the death of Dave Marquis on Friday, the 29<sup>th</sup> November.

Let us also continue to pray for one another, our families, and our parishioners. This week we pray for

- Daren Kemp (Cudham)
- Monika Thaler and Emerson Paul (Downe)
- residents in Downe Road (Cudham)
- residents in High Street (Downe)

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*While our churches have a vacancy for a Vicar, please email [admin@pcd.org.uk](mailto:admin@pcd.org.uk) or call the parish office on 01959 571515 to leave a message. Alternatively, contact one of the churchwardens below:*

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