



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

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



Sunday 3rd December –

- 9.30am Downe Holy Communion
Isaiah 64:1-9;
1 Peter 2:1-17
Rev John to lead and preach
Radical Discipleship week 6 '*Balance*'
- 11am Cudham All Age Worship with creative activities, on
the theme of 'On your Marks...!' as we
embark on our Advent journey to Christmas.
Isaiah 64:1-9. Kim to lead
- 4pm-6pm Downe Christmas Lights Switch On (5pm) in village,
with Advent Crafts in St Mary's
- Downe's 9.30am service will be livestreamed.

Advent Sunday

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. **Amen.**

Tuesday 5th December

10.00am Downe Service of the word at St Mary's, Downe

Advent and **Christmas** – *for full details of our Christmas services and events please take a Christmas Leaflet from the tables at the back of our churches for yourself and others.*

Read through Luke this advent – start on December 1st, and read a chapter a day – why not give it a try?



An invitation to join us for our **Warm Welcome Christmas Special**. A day of fellowship and fun, with light refreshments, festive activities, and a hot **CHRISTMAS LUNCH – 10.30am to 3.30pm on Friday 8th December** at Cudham Parish Hall. FREE, but donations welcome. Vegetarian option provided and transport may be available. To reserve a place tel. 01959 571515 (incl. answerphone), or email to admin@pcd.org.uk It is not too late to book a place, but reservations need to be made by **Sunday 3rd December**.

Christmas Choirs! If you would like to join the choirs for the Carol Services in Cudham and Downe there is still time. Please contact Rev John via vicar@pcd.org.uk or tel: 01959 540012. Rehearsals will take place on Monday evenings during December, beginning this week - 7.30pm in St Mary's, Downe (on 4th and 11th) and 7.30pm in Cudham Church (on 18th). All welcome – wrap up warm!

FOOD BOXES FOR CHRISTMAS - Just £16 will provide a food box (containing staple items like rice, maize, soap, margarine and soda) for vulnerable families. Can you help? The cost of basic food has risen dramatically this year in Uganda whilst incomes are falling and many are struggling to find paid work. This year Nsumbi Trust are again distributing food boxes to families through their link church which operates in a densely populated part of Kampala. Please support them by clicking on the following link via Stewardship giving - <https://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/christmasfoodboxes2023> Alternatively, you can make a direct payment to the Nsumbi Trust account at the Co-op Bank, sort code: 08-92-99, account no: 65170263, ref: 'Foodbox2023'. Thank you.



Living in Love and Faith – for details of what happened at General Synod and possible consequences the Evangelical Alliance have published an article which can be found via this link - <https://www.eauk.org/news-and-views>

Meditation Group - Christian Meditation on Thursday 7th December at 10am in St Mary's. 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 – next meeting on Wednesday 6th December at Sue Everest's at 8pm focusing on Radical Discipleship Week 6 – Balance. All welcome.

Ladies Fellowship – will be meeting on Wednesday 13th December at 10.00am at Sue's, Cudham. Please contact Barbara at barbiesherb@aol.com for more details.



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 Francesca Hennessy (Cudham) and Ian and Jo Corry (Downe). Please also pray for our residents in the following streets New Road Hill (Downe) and Snag Lane (Cudham).

Prayer points for this week:

- ✚ For Kim & John and Rev John leading Collective Worship in Cudham and Downe Primary Schools this Tuesday and Thursday, respectively.
- ✚ For the humanitarian crisis in Gaza and the efforts to release more hostages.
- ✚ For the COP 28 UN Climate Summit being held in Dubai.
- ✚ For the Climate Emergency, especially those affected by natural disasters and extreme weather.
- ✚ For the ongoing conflict in Ukraine and all those caught up in war and civil strife.
- ✚ For ourselves as we embark on the Advent journey to Christmas.

Please pray for the situation in the Middle East - Embrace, a charity we support, has information and prayer news on their website – <https://embraceme.org/> where you can also find Advent reflections.

Please pray for the family of Judy Emus – thanksgiving service in St Mary's Downe on Thursday 21st December at 2pm.

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

You are invited to join us for our Morning & Evening Prayer times -

Morning Prayer 9.00am Monday, Thursday and Friday on Zoom.

Zoom details: Meeting ID: 872 2896 5797 Passcode: 644632

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87228965797?pwd=M1c1OTUzTFNsY3IxeW94Q25MV2xRdz09> *Wednesday 9.30am prayers in Cudham*

Evening Prayer 5.00pm Monday - Friday on Zoom

Meeting ID: 898 5148 2423 Passcode: 458828

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89851482423?pwd=Y3c5ZmJyUVpEQzN5bDUvV2FGRU53Zz09>

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 07504 827929 or 01959 540012 and these will be passed on to Pat in confidence.

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 to arrange a visit or chat over the phone. We are here for you.

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