



# The United Benefice of Cudham and Downe

Welcome to our Church

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

**Please note that services until the end of August will be united services starting at 10.30am and alternating between Cudham and Downe, with Holy Communion services at St Mary's. Sunday Club will not take place during the school holidays but children are always welcome at all services.**

## **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July**

10.30am Downe      United All Age Communion  
Readings: Ephesians 3: 14-21; John 6: 1-21  
Rev Christine Latham to lead and preach

*Sorry, livestreaming of our services is no longer available.*

## **Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day,  
and make her holy, strong and faithful,  
for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August**

10.30am Cudham      United Worship Together in St Katherine's  
Theme '**Losing, Winning and Life**'. Kim and John to lead & preach  
All are welcome to this time of informal worship. A week into the  
Paris Olympics, we reflect on St Luke's account of the call of Jesus'  
early disciples. The incident appears not linked to sport, but it  
contains very sporting themes: losing and disappointment; winning  
and success. We will look at what God in Jesus offers us. With  
creative activities, light refreshments, and Table Talk, in a time of  
fellowship and friendship for all the family.

## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August

10.30am Downe United All Age Communion  
Rev Clive Wood to lead and preach

## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August

10.30am Cudham United All Age Service  
Kim and John to lead and preach

## Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August

10.30am Downe United All Age Communion  
Rev Neil Fairlamb to lead and preach

Congratulations to Chris and Fiona Harrison on their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary today (28<sup>th</sup> July).



**Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> August 2024, 10.30am–**  
12.00pm followed by a light buffet lunch at  
**Cudham Church**. Children, come along and have  
great fun getting messy! Enjoy free art and craft

activities on the theme of: **Olympics & Superpowers!**

Don't forget to bring an adult or carer; they have to

have fun too! **No charge – donations welcome on**

**the day!** Booking required please for catering

purposes. Contact Denise Angell on 07957 206901 or

[denise.angell@virginmedia.com](mailto:denise.angell@virginmedia.com) for more info and to book.



There will be **Churchyard working parties at Cudham** on Saturday  
**3<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> August** at 10am. Volunteers welcome, the more the  
merrier. Contact Mike Manthorpe if you want to know more –  
contact details are on the back page.

John and Helen were delighted to see so many of you at John's  
leaving service on Sunday. **Thank you** for your kind gifts, and for all  
those who helped prepare the day. We will miss you and would be  
grateful for your prayers as we get ready to move to Durham.

**Thank you** to everyone for their good wishes on the occasion of our  
Silver Wedding which was marked last Sunday morning. We were  
touched by the cards received and people's prayers. Kim & John.

Rev Tim Hatwell, who was Vicar of Cudham & Downe from 1990 to 2007, is retiring. His last service at Ightham church is today (28<sup>th</sup> July).

**Thank you** to all those who came to the **Holiday at Home** event last Monday, and for the amazing team of helpers who worked so hard to make the day possible. There was a great turnout, and everyone enjoyed the social and creative activities on offer. The high point was a marvellous fish and chip lunch. This followed by further crafts, the afternoon concluding with tea and cake. A successful day all round. Kim & John.

*The groups regularly meet and you are very welcome to join us.*

**Meditation Group** - Christian Meditation will take place on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August at 10.00am 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>

**Home Group** – will be meeting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August from 2pm to 3.30pm. All welcome to this time of study and fellowship. Please contact Mike Manthorpe for more information – contact details are on the back page.

**Ladies Fellowship** (fortnightly meetings) will be meeting on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July at 10.00am at Elizabeth's, Cudham. Please contact Barbara at [barbiesherb@aol.com](mailto:barbiesherb@aol.com) for more details.

*Prayer points for this week:*

- ✚ For the new Government as it begins to implement its economic plans.
- ✚ For rest and refreshment for families over the summer holidays.
- ✚ For the frail and housebound in our parishes and those who care for them.
- ✚ For those caught up in war and civil strife around the globe.

Please pray for the families of:

Marion Norton from Downe, who died on the 12<sup>th</sup> July. Date of funeral service to be advised.

Anthony John Barrow whose ashes will be interred at Cudham on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August at noon.

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 Angela Christiaans (Cudham) and Peggy Howard (Downe). Please also pray for our residents in the following streets – Rookery Road (Downe) and Luxted Road (Cudham).

**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 our pastoral team leader John Curle 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.

*Following Rev John Musson's departure, Cudham and Downe churches are now in a time of vacancy for a Vicar. While this continues, 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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