



**The United Benefice of Cudham
and Downe**

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Sunday 18th December 2011

9.30am Holy Communion at Downe

Romans 16:25-27, Luke 1:26-38

Revd. John Musson

11.00am Advent Service of Healing at Cudham

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7pm Carols by Candlelight at Downe

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Welcome to our church today, especially if you are
visiting. Please stay for refreshments after the service.

Christmas Eve

7pm Carols by Candelight at Cudham

11.30pm Midnight Communion at Cudham

11.30pm Midnight Communion at Downe

Christmas Day

9.30am Family Service at Downe

11.00am Family Service at Cudham

Christmas Cards at Cudham

During the Christmas season the charity Release International is being featured on one of the notice boards in Cudham Church. You are invited to add a link to the chain of solidarity with people imprisoned or persecuted for their Christian faith, and, instead of giving cards to people you will see before Christmas, to donate the money you would have spent on their card. There are also chains (strings) on which you can hang a card with a greeting to all who come to church.

Job opportunity

All Saints Church Orpington needs a new Parish Administrator, working 4 mornings a week for a salary of £8,500 pa. For a full job description phone 01689 832031 or e-mail allsaintsorpington@googlemail.com.

Choir Practice for Carol Services

Calling all choir members, There will also be a final practice for the Downe Carol Service today at 5.30pm. More singers are needed for the Carol Service at Cudham. If you are available please speak with Thelma or John as soon as possible.

Midweek Holy Communion

Please remember that a Holy Communion service is held at St Mary's, Downe every Tuesday at 10am, with refreshments afterwards. This will be the last one until January 24th.

Wednesday Prayer time

Wednesday Morning Prayer time starts promptly at 10am and finish at 10.30am – church office, Cudham. Please join us.

Bible Study Groups

The Monday afternoon study group at Sue and Frank's, continues tomorrow from 2 'til 3.30pm. The group will continue to follow a short course looking at "contentment: healing the hunger of our hearts." This will be the last one until later in the New Year.

The next Harrison homegroup will be Wednesday 21st December 2011 at 8pm, they will continue to study the Holy Spirit.

Prayer

There are people available to pray with you after the service. Please ask one of the welcome team about any prayer need you might have for yourself or others. During the week we have a prayer chain. Please phone Pat Morbin on 01959 571748 with prayer requests.

Children's Society

Thanks to all those who have already taken collecting "candles" for the Children's Society at our recent Christingle Services. There are still some left if you would like one. Please return them before the end of the year.

Christmas Services

Details of services over Christmas and the New Year are available in the magazine and on the special flyer that was included with the magazine, as well as on the church website at pcd.org.uk The carol services in particular are a great time to invite non-Christian family and friends along to hear the good news of Jesus' birth.

Advent Service of Healing

We will be holding a service of healing today at Cudham. Please use this opportunity to invite people to receive prayer for specific needs, whether physical, mental or spiritual; you are, of course, very welcome to come forward yourself to be prayed for by others.

Sunday Club

Today will be the last Sunday Club at Cudham this year, and the children will be rehearsing for the Carol Service!

Confirmation

Bishop James will be coming to St Mary's Downe on Sunday 19th February at 4pm to lead a confirmation service for Cudham and Downe. If you would like to be confirmed, there will be a short (3 week) course leading up to that date. Even if you have already indicated verbally to John that you would like to be confirmed, can you please drop him a line before the end of the year so that arrangements for the course can be made.

The week ahead

Monday, Thursday, Friday	9am	Morning Prayer in Cudham
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Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	5pm	Evening Prayer in Downe
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Tuesday	10am	Communion in Downe
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Wednesday	10am	Prayer in Cudham Church
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If you are unable to come to the church on Wednesday morning, please set aside the time if you can for prayer

Notice Sheet: any contributions by Wednesday evening to Angela. Email **office@pcd.org.uk**

Vicar: Rev John Musson, tel 01959 540012, email **vicar@pcd.org.uk**

Reader: Helen Musson

Details of other officeholders can be found in the Magazine.