



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 are available and we invite you to stay and enjoy meeting others before you go home.

Sunday 14th April – Third Sunday of Easter

9.30am Downe Morning Worship with prayers for healing
11.00am Cudham Holy Communion with prayers for healing
and Sunday Club
Readings: Acts 3: 12-19; Luke 24: 36b - 48
Rev John to lead and preach at both services

Banns to be read for
Charlotte Hussey and Jim Kean



Downe's service will be livestreamed at
<https://www.youtube.com/pcdchurches>

Third Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Tuesday 16th April

10.00am Downe Holy Communion at St Mary's – *a quiet and reflective service*

Sunday 21st April – Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.30am Downe Holy Communion
11.00am Cudham Morning Worship and Sunday Club
Readings: Acts 4: 5-12; John 10: 11-18
Rev John to lead and preach at both services

Banns to be read for Charlotte Hussey and Jim Kean



Next Saturday 20th April from 1.30pm – 3.30pm at Rochester Cathedral. A free event, no need to book. Bring your own picnic and something to sit on! For more information contact -

sarah.cabella@rochester.anglican.org

Sunday 28th April – Fifth Sunday of Easter

NB: No morning service at Downe

11.00am Cudham Holy Communion and Sunday Club
Readings: Acts 8:26-40; John 15:1-8
Rev Nigel Poole to lead and preach

Banns to be read for Charlotte Hussey and Jim Kean

2.00pm Downe May Queen Service
Kim to lead

Cudham and Downe Electoral Rolls – revisions of the rolls will begin shortly in readiness for our United Annual Meeting which will take place at St Mary's, Downe on Sunday 12th May 2024 after the 10.30am United Communion Service. If you are baptized, live in the parish of Cudham and Downe or worship with us in person or online, and are not on the electoral roll we would like to encourage you to join. Please ask Barbara (Cudham) or Chris (Downe) for an application form.

Thanks to all those who responded to our **day of prayer and gifts** recently – it's not too late to make a donation or respond with how God might be calling you to share your gift in church.

We have received letters from the Friends of the Holy Land thanking Cudham and Downe parishioners for their recent donations of £266.00 and £260.77 – collections raised at our carol services at Christmas. The donations will go towards supporting the most vulnerable Christians in the Holy Land during this very challenging time. Please continue to pray for the Holy Land and for a peaceful resolution.

Daniel Harris (Carol's son) is running the London Marathon on 21st April for the NSPCC and is passionate about this challenge and would be grateful for sponsorship. Thank you. For more details please take a look at Daniel's link page - <https://2024tcsllondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/daniel-harris?>

Please be aware that **Cudham Lane North** (Green St Green end) is closed for up to 6 weeks due to gas pipes being replaced. There is a signed diversion via Rushmore Hill.

Meditation Group - Christian Meditation will take place on Thursday 18th April 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>

Ladies Fellowship – will be meeting at 10am on Tuesday 23rd April at Elizabeth's, Cudham. Please contact Barbara at barbiesherb@aol.com for more details.

Home Group – Our weekly homegroup will be moving to Monday afternoons at 2pm starting on 13th May when we shall be resuming our study on Pete Greig's lectio divina course. All welcome to this time of study and fellowship.



'Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always' 1 Chronicles 16:11.

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 Natasha Ryman (Cudham) and Dame Marion Roe (Downe). Please also pray for our residents in the following streets – New Road Hill (Downe) and Bombers Lane (Cudham).

Please pray for the families of Stanley Robinson and Dennis Gardner whose ashes will be interred at 12.30pm on Sunday 21st April in the churchyard, High Elms Road, Downe.

Prayer points for this week:

- ✚ For the King and the Princess of Wales in their recovery from cancer.
- ✚ For children and staff returning to school for the Summer term.
- ✚ For Rev John taking Collective Worship at Cudham and Downe Primary Schools this Monday and Thursday.
- ✚ For our regular Pastoral Visitors' Team meeting at Downe Church on Tuesday morning.
- ✚ For Anna Chaplains in their spiritual care of older people.
- ✚ For the *Messy Cathedral* event at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday.
- ✚ For international efforts to relieve the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.
- ✚ For peace in the Middle East and release of those held hostage.
- ✚ For those on the brink of starvation in war-torn lands.
- ✚ For the people of Ukraine and the resolve of those fighting on the frontline.

Prayer chain – please contact Rev John Musson if you have any prayer needs or requests. Email vicar@pcd.org.uk or tel: 07504 827929.

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 07504 827929 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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