

The Downland Benefice

*Holy Trinity Poynings, St Andrew's, Edburton
St John the Evangelist, Newtimber
The Transfiguration, Pyecombe
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April 2016

There is a united Benefice service every Sunday morning at 10 am in one of our churches.

On most Sundays, this is a service of Holy Communion. On the first Sunday of each month, it is an all age worship service, followed at 11.15 am by a short Communion service.

Location varies according to the pattern below:

First Sunday	(3 rd April)	Poynings
Second Sunday	(10 th April)	Newtimber
Third Sunday	(17 th April)	Poynings
Fourth Sunday	(24 th April)	Pyecombe

There is also a Benefice Evening Service at 6pm every second Sunday (10th April) at Pyecombe.

In addition, at **Edburton Church** there is:

A service of Family Communion every **first** and **third** Sunday at **11 am**. (3rd and 17th April)

Morning and Evening Prayer each week

Mondays: Edburton at 6 pm

Tuesdays: Newtimber at 5 pm

Wednesdays: Poynings at 9 am; Pyecombe at 6 pm

Evergreens (for the over 60's)

Monday, 4th April, 3.30 – 5 pm at The Paddock, Fulking
(home of Ian and Jill Malby)

Baptism, Memorial and Funeral Services

Baptism: Alfie James Victor Salter: 3rd April 2pm, Poynings.

Memorial service for John Murrell: The Meeting House at Sussex University on Weds 13th April at 2.30pm.

Funeral: Jake (Gordon) Richards: 14th April 2pm, Poynings

Special events and dates this month

- On Saturday 2nd April at 7pm, there will be an illustrated talk on the opera 'Carmen' given by Jonathan Hinden, former Principal Coach at Glyndebourne, hosted by Carol and Andrew Clay in the Hall at Newtimber Place. In aid of Newtimber Church. For tickets, call 01273 832009.
- Pyecombe PCC: 7.30pm, Monday 4th April at Pangdean.
- Newtimber PCC: 5.30pm Tues 5th April in the Church.
- It is also the month for our Annual Meetings or APCMs:
 - Edburton; 12 noon Sunday 3rd April in Church;
 - Pyecombe: 7.30pm Tuesday 19th April in Church;
 - Newtimber: 5.30pm Tuesday 26th April in Church;
 - Poynings: 7.00pm Weds 27th April; the Village Hall

All are welcome to learn what we have been up to in the past year. We have vacancies on PCCs - anyone willing to serve or to become involved in any way should speak first with Caroline.

- **Messy Church** meets this month on Friday 15th April, from 4.30 pm – 6 pm at Fulking Village Hall. Do come along!
- Newtimber Place Gardens opening 17 April, 2.30pm
- Edburton bric-a-brac sale 23/24 April; Fulking Village Hall
- Confirmation preparation starts this month: please contact Caroline if you are interested to learn more.
- Please collect unwanted items and pass them to Lucy Dalrymple for her Verge Sale in aid of Newtimber Church funds –happy to collect: tel 01273 832009

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