

## The Downland Benefice

*Holy Trinity Poynings,*

*St Andrew's, Edburton*

*St John the Evangelist, Newtimber*

*The Transfiguration, Pyecombe*

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## February 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	(7 <sup>th</sup> February)	<b>Poynings</b>
Second Sunday	(14 <sup>th</sup> February)	<b>Newtimber</b>
Third Sunday	(21 <sup>st</sup> February)	<b>Poynings</b>
Fourth Sunday	(28 <sup>th</sup> February)	<b>Pyecombe</b>
Fifth Sunday	<i>not applicable this month</i>	<b>Newtimber</b>

**There is also a Benefice Evening Service at 6pm every second Sunday (14<sup>th</sup> February) at Pyecombe.**

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

A service of Family Communion

every **first** and **third** Sunday at **11 am.**

(7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> February 2016)

**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, 1<sup>st</sup> February, 3.30 – 5 pm at

The Royal Oak, Poynings

## Special events and dates this month

- There will be a Benefice service of Hoy Communion on Ash Wednesday (10<sup>th</sup> February) at 7.30 pm at Newtimber. This will include the imposition of ashes (optional).
- Our Lent Study course starts on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February, with both afternoon and evening sessions. Afternoon sessions (2.30 to 4 pm) will be either in Fulking or at Pangdean, Pyecombe, and evening sessions (7.30 pm to 9 pm) will be at The Rectory, Poynings. Our theme this year will be 'Opening Doors', using the material specially written for this Year of Mercy by a team from the Diocese. See separate fliers.
- Leaflets will be available during Lent for those wishing to follow the Christian Aid programme to 'Count your Blessings' – please ask Caroline if you would like one.
- Edburton PCC will meet on the evening of Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February at Revd Graham Jeffery's house in Small Dole.
- Messy Church meets this month on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February, from 4.30 pm – 6 pm at Fulking Village Hall.
- Please collect unwanted items and pass them to Lucy Dalrymple for her Verge Sale in aid of Newtimber Church funds – sale date to be advised when the weather improves. Lucy is happy to collect: tel 01273 832009

## Advance notice of two March events:

- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 11 am at St Peter's Henfield: Women's World Day of Prayer united service: focus on Cuba.
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm at Newtimber Church, a talk by The Revd Peter Owen-Jones on Sussex walks. See fliers.

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