#### The Downland Benefice

Holy Trinity Poynings, St Andrew's, Edburton St John the Evangelist, Newtimber The Transfiguration, Pyecombe www.downlandchurches.co.uk

#### **March 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 (6<sup>th</sup> March: Mothering Sunday) Poynings
Second Sunday (13<sup>th</sup> March) Newtimber
Third Sunday (20<sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday) Poynings
Fourth Sunday (27<sup>th</sup> March Easter) Pyecombe
Services also on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday – see separate fliers

## There is also a Benefice Evening Service at 6pm every second Sunday (13th March) at Pyecombe.

In addition, at **Edburton Church** there is: A service of Family Communion every **first** and **third** Sunday **at 11 am**. (6<sup>th</sup> March and 20<sup>th</sup> March) In addition, this month there will be an extra service at **Edburton** on **Easter Day** (27<sup>th</sup> March) at 11am

### 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, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 3.30 – 5 pm at Fulking Farmhouse (home of Joanna and Stuart Cairns)

## Special events and dates this month

- This is a special month as we travel through Holy Week and on towards Easter Sunday together – do make sure you are aware of service times and venues, and do join us.
- Our Lent Study course 'Opening Doors' continues on Wednesdays. Please note the evening session for 9<sup>th</sup> March is now Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March. See separate flier
- Joint PCCs meet on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.30pm at Pangdean Farm, with thanks to Ian Currie
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March is the Women's World Day of Prayer. Local service will be 11 am at St Peter's Henfield, followed by a shared lunch. Focus this year on Cuba.
- Mothering Sunday is on 6<sup>th</sup> March and will be celebrated at Poynings and Edburton during our regular services.
- On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March our parishes are being prayed for at the Cathedral. A group will be attending Evensong please let Caroline know if you wish to come.
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm at Newtimber Church, a talk by The Revd Peter Owen-Jones on Sussex walks. Tickets £10 from Gill on 01273 835013 or Lucy 01273 832009
- On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March, there will be a fund raising supper for Malagiri village in Nepal at 7pm at Pangdean Farm. Contact Jill Munday for tickets: 01273 566276.
- Messy Church meets this month on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 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 –happy to collect: tel 01273 832009

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