

## The Downland Benefice

*Holy Trinity Poynings, St Andrew's, Edburton  
St John the Evangelist, Newtimber  
The Transfiguration, Pyecombe*  
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### March 2017

**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 (5 <sup>th</sup> March)	<b>Poynings</b>
Second Sunday (12 <sup>th</sup> March)	<b>Newtimber</b>
Third Sunday (19 <sup>th</sup> March)	<b>Poynings</b>
Fourth Sunday (26 <sup>th</sup> March: Mothering Sunday)	<b>Pyecombe</b>

**There is also a Benefice Evening Service at 6pm every second Sunday (12<sup>th</sup> March) at Pyecombe.**

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

A service of Family Communion every **first** and **third** Sunday at **11 am**. (5<sup>th</sup> March and 19<sup>th</sup> March)

**Morning and Evening Prayer each week**

**Mondays:** Edburton at 6 pm **Tuesdays:** Newtimber at 5pm

**Wednesdays:** Poynings at 9 am; Pyecombe at 6 pm

### Lent Study Group

Wednesdays from 8<sup>th</sup> March  
Either 2.30-4pm or 7.30- 9pm

## Evergreens (for the over 60's)

Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 3.30 – 5 pm at Fulking Farmhouse  
(home of Joanna and Stuart Cairns)

### Baptism

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March      Ruben John Lambe      Pyecombe

### Wedding

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March      Poynings  
Anthony Smith and Becky Rowland

### Other special events and dates this month

- Lent starts this month on Ash Wednesday (1<sup>st</sup> March), when there will be a special service at 7.30pm at Newtimber Church.
- The Women's World Day of Prayer is Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – our local service is at Woodmancote Church at 2.30pm. This year the service has been written by women from the Philippines: 'Am I being fair to you?'
- Our Lent Study course 'Hear the Word of the Lord' focuses on the Bible. Weekly from 8<sup>th</sup> March either afternoon or evening. Afternoons usually at Rectory Cottage, Newtimber, and evenings at The Rectory, but watch for changes and see separate flier.
- Hymn choosing meeting will be 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2.30-4pm at The Rectory. All welcome.
- Pyecombe evening service on 12<sup>th</sup> March will have a special focus on Meditation. This is the first of our community gatherings – do come along.
- The Benefice Council meets on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.30pm at Pangdean Farm, with thanks to Ian Currie.
- Messy Church meets on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March, at 4.30pm

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