## **The Downland Benefice**

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

# May 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	(1 <sup>st</sup> May)	Poynings
Second Sunday	(8 <sup>th</sup> May)	Newtimber
Third Sunday	$(15^{\text{th}} \text{May})$	Poynings
Fourth Sunday	$(22^{nd} May)$	Pyecombe
Fifth Sunday	$(29^{\text{th}} \text{ May})$	Newtimber

## There is also a Benefice Evening Service at 6pm every second Sunday (8<sup>th</sup> May) at Pyecombe.

In addition, at **Edburton Church** there is: A service of Family Communion every **first** and **third** Sunday **at 11 am**. (1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> May)

### 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, 9<sup>th</sup> May, 3.30 – 5 pm at Downside, Fulking (home of Charmayne and Harry Diamond)

# Special events and dates this month

- Edburton PCC will meet at 7.30pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.
- There will be NO service in the Benefice on Ascension Day (May 5<sup>th</sup>). In past years, this has been very poorly attended.
- Deanery Synod will meet on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May at Ditchling.
- The week leading up to Pentecost has been designated a week of prayer for Church growth. This theme will be evident in all our weekday services. Please make this a theme for your private prayers too and look out for events being held by other churches in the area.
- On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm, Brighton Chamber Choir, conducted by Jane Money (Cullen) of Pyecombe is performing a programme of music by Grieg, Rachmaninov, Tchaikovsky and others entitled 'Northern Lights'. This will be at St Barnabas Church, Sackville Road, Hove. See fliers.
- Weds 18<sup>th</sup> May is the date for the Licensing of Fr James Foley in our neighbouring parish of Albourne, Sayers Common and Twineham (ASCAT). Please remember him and the people of that parish in your prayers.
- **Messy Church** meets this month on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May, from 4.30 pm 6 pm at Fulking Village Hall. Do come along!
- Pyecombe PCC: 7.30pm Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May in the Church.
- Newtimber PCC: 5.30pm Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May in the Church.
- Don't forget the Plant Sale at Pyecombe to be held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May from 2-4pm in aid of church funds.
- Hymns and Pimms at Edburton will take place on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm. Do come along to sing your heart out.
- 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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