



# The Downland Benefice

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



## March 2019

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

### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

10am Family Communion

### **Sunday before Lent**

Edburton

### **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

7pm Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes

### **Ash Wednesday**

Newtimber

### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

10am Holy Communion

6pm Evening Service

### **First Sunday in Lent**

Newtimber

Pyecombe

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** Messy Church 4.00-5.30pm Fulking Hall

### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

10am Family Communion

6pm Evensong

### **Second Sunday in Lent**

Poynings

Edburton

### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

10am Holy Communion

### **Third Sunday in Lent**

Pyecombe

### **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

10am Holy Communion

### **Mothering Sunday**

Poynings

### **Evening Prayer meetings each week:**

Tuesdays: Newtimber at 4 pm Wednesdays: Pyecombe at 6 pm

### **Evergreens (for the over 60's) 3.30 to 5pm**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March at Fulking Farmhouse, home of Jo Cairns.

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April at Wayfield Farm Café  
Phone Betty on 01273-857215 for more details



## March News and Events

**Electoral Roll:** don't forget to fill in the form for the electoral roll. You may do so for each church that you regularly attend. Please ask Tim, Patrick or your churchwardens if you have any queries.

**World Day of Prayer** is [on Friday 1st March at 2pm](#) in The Free Church in Henfield, followed by refreshments.

**Lenten study group** meets at the Rectory on five **Thursday** evenings during Lent, commencing on Thursday 14 March, at 7.30pm. The Chichester Diocese course is called The Way of Living. Please sign up by Sunday 10 March so we know how many to expect!

**Benefice Council** and Churchwardens meeting on **Wednesday 13 March**, 7.00pm at the Rectory, when we will be joined by Archdeacon Fiona, Rural Dean Paul Doick and Dr Emma Arbuthnot, Senior Church Buildings and Pastoral Reorganisation Officer, who will help us explore how to formalise our greater unity.

On the **14<sup>th</sup> March** there is a fundraising event supporting Malagari School in Nepal at Pangdean. Tickets cost £22 and include a welcome drink and dinner. Contact [jill.munday@btinternet.com](mailto:jill.munday@btinternet.com) for more details.

**Saturday 16 March** Everyday Disciple is the title a Diocesan lay conference on at Sussex University, led by lay people for lay people. Key note speaker for the conference is Nick Shepherd, National director of the SGPF initiative for the C of E. It would be great if we were represented. Tickets cost £26 See the Diocese website for more details

<https://www.chichester.anglican.org/events/view/everyday-discipleship-lay-conference-2019/>

On **Wednesday 27 March** our Parishes will be prayed for at Chichester Cathedral's 8 am Holy Communion Service, and again at 5.30 pm. We are all warmly invited to the Cathedral on this day, including a complimentary tea in the Cloisters Cafe at 4.30 pm. Members of the Cathedral Friends hope to join us. If you would also like to have a guided tour before tea please book it with Carolyn Atkinson on 01273 782595 as soon as you can.

**7<sup>th</sup> April** Edburton APCM follows the 10am service.

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