

Benefice Diary this week

Mondays & Wednesdays, 9.30am, Highnam Church - Morning Prayer

Mon 11th Feb 1:30pm Little Church Tibberton Church Room
Wed 13th Feb 2:15pm Listening Course
Wed 13th Feb 7:30pm Taynton PCC The Grove
Sat 16th Feb 10am Taynton Coffee Beryl and Chris Whittal, 5 Elms Farm, Kents Green

Services next Sunday

Sunday 17th February—3rd Sunday before Lent

10:00am Tibberton Benefice Service Archdeacon Phil
Tackling Big Issues: Human Sexuality

Dates for your Diary

Tues 19th Feb Benefice Council venue tbd.
Wed 20th Feb 10:45am Coffee and Communion Rudford Church
Wed 20th Feb 2:15pm Listening Course
Mon 25th Feb 1:30pm Little Church Tibberton Church Room
Mon 4th March 7:30pm BMG The Rectory
Mon 11th March 1:30pm Little Church Tibberton Church Room
Wed 6th March Ash Wednesday
Wed 13th March 10am Church Cleaning Tibberton Church



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The United Benefice of
Highnam, Tibberton with
Rudford and Taynton

**Sunday
10th
February**



A very warm welcome to our services

*If you are visiting or worshipping with us for the first time,
we do hope that you will enjoy the service.*

Please introduce yourself to the clergy and the worship team.

Sunday 10th February— 4th before Lent

9:30am Highnam Sunday Praise Team/Rev Helen
An informal family service
11:00am Tibberton Holy Communion Rev Philippa
6:30pm Taynton Evensong Team/ Rev Helen

Readings

1 Corinthians 15.1-11
Luke 5.1-11



Collect

Lord of the hosts of heaven,
our salvation and our strength,
without you we are lost:
guard us from all that harms or hurts
and raise us when we fall;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen

Please pray this week for:

- ◇ The pastoral care that we offer as a church, and those who will be attending the Listening Skills course starting this week.
- ◇ The housebound and lonely of our communities.
- ◇ For our 'Big Issues' series, that we would gain new understanding of the issues facing our church and society.



Bible readings

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

15 Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters,^[a] of the good news^[b] that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand,² through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³ For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures,⁴ and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures,⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters^[c] at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died.^[d] ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Luke 5:1-11

5 Once while Jesus^[a] was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God,² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets.³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.”⁵ Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.”⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break.⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink.⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!”⁹ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken;¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.”¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

News and Events

Jeff Hogg

Janet and the family would like to thank everyone across the Benefice for their support while Jeff was ill, but particularly since his death. The number of cards, prayers, good wishes, flowers etc has been overwhelming and humbling. You helped us to celebrate and give thanks for his life on Monday 4th February but I’m afraid we were not able to speak to everyone so – apologies but thank you for being there with us.

Benefice Choir Practice - preparing for Good Friday.

Every Thursday starting at 7pm at Highnam Church

Welcome—For more details contact David Kell Tel: 01531 248603

Benefice Service

10am Sunday 17th February, Tibberton Church

‘Tackling Big Issues’ - Ven Phil Andrews, the Archdeacon of Cheltenham, will speak about ‘Issues in human Sexuality’. There will be the opportunity for discussion together afterwards. This is - as we are aware - a ‘big issue’ for the church in these changing social times.

Taynton Coffee Morning

Saturday 16th February, 10—11:30am

Beryl & Chris Whittal’s, Elms Farm, Kents Green.

Highnam Lent Lunches

Thank you to those who have already agreed to hold a lunch. Weeks beginning 25 March and 8 April do not yet have a lunch planned. If you could host a lunch during one of those weeks please let Jane Gardner know on 421013 janegardner925@gmail.com



Highnam School – volunteers to help with hearing reading

Building on the close links already established between the church and school, I am looking for volunteers who would like to help with hearing children from the Year 3 class read to enhance their reading skills and enjoyment of books. I would like to establish a group of people who are interested in being involved and are available on Thursday afternoons from 2.15 – 3.15. The commitment would not need to be a weekly one – just as you are available - but I hope to set up a rota to ensure that there is continuity for the school and the children.

If you are interested in being involved and/or would like more information, please contact me **Linda Hanbury** 01452 301523, mobile 07717 834799, email linda.hanbury@gmail.com