

Benefice Diary this week

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

Mon 15th April 10—11.30 Taynton Coffee Morning c/o Jane Horne
Mon 15th—Wed 17th April 7pm Taize Service & Passion film Highnam
Thurs 18th April 7pm Passover Meal—Bkg Required Highnam Old School
Fri 19th April 10am Messy Church Highnam Old School
Fri 19th April 12Noon Meditative Service Tibberton Church
Fri 19th April 7pm At the Cross—Benefice Choir Highnam Church

For all information about the Holy Week services and events please see the flyers in church.



Services next Sunday

Sunday 21st April - Easter Sunday

6:00am	Lassington	Sunrise Celebration and breakfast	
9:30am	Highnam	Family Communion	Rev Helen
9:30am	Taynton	Family Communion	Rev Geoff
11:00am	Tibberton	Family Communion	Rev Philippa
11:15am	Rudford	Family Communion	Rev Helen

Dates for your Diary

Mon 29th April 1:30pm Little Church Tibberton Church Room
Sat 25th May 10am Churchyard Working Party—Highnam Church

Highnam Annual Church Meeting and 'vision' discussion.

Monday April 29th, 7pm in Highnam Parish Hall.
For everyone.

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or our website: www.highnamchurch.org

The United Benefice of
Highnam, Tibberton with
Rudford and Taynton

**Sunday
14th
April**



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 14th April - Palm Sunday

10am Tibberton Palm Sunday Benefice Service Rev Helen/ Team
Procession leaves Orchard Rose at 9:45am—Bring a branch to wave, and then we join in church for a joyful communion
6:30pm Highnam A candle lit organ interpretation of the Stations of the Cross

Readings

Philippians 2.5-11
Luke 19.28-40



Collect

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love
you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.
Amen.

Please pray this week for:

- ◇ The people of the Middle East; the land where Jesus lived, who still live in conflict and war.
- ◇ Our Messy Church on Good Friday, and for the families of the community who will come.
- ◇ Your neighbours, families and friends, that all people would know the love of God, and the forgiveness and hope that Jesus offers us.



Bible readings

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was^[a] in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Luke 19:28-40

²⁸ After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.
²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴ They said, “The Lord needs it.” ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,
“Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!”
³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” ⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

News and Events

Palm Sunday is a joyful day, remembering the crowds praising Jesus as he entered Jerusalem. The next Sunday, is Easter day, again a joyful celebration of the resurrection.

BUT—between these two Sundays are the most significant moments of our Christian story : the betrayal, suffering and death of Jesus. It was in this suffering that we learn how the God who loves us is not just a God of triumph and celebration, but a God who enters into the suffering of our world - when he truly becomes ‘God with us’.

May I therefore encourage you to come to some, at least, of the services and events through Holy Week , so that we can journey with Jesus through the darkness and then, more truly know the joy and meaning of Easter Day

Today : Sunday 14th. 6.30pm. An candle lit organ interpretation of the Stations of the Cross. Highnam Church.

Readings and organ improvisations, played by Jonathan Hope, the Assistant Director of Music at Gloucester Cathedral.

Mon - Wed evening. April 15th - 17th 7.00pm in Highnam Church.

Taize service and Passion film

A simple, meditative service with Taize music, and an extract from a Passion film

Maundy Thursday, 18th April

Benefice Passover (Seder) Meal.

This is an exciting ‘first’ for our Benefice . It will be held in the

Old School building at Highnam. 7pm start.

We re-enact the very moving Passover festival as Jesus would have done (and eat roast lamb and potatoes)

Recommended donation £5.00. To book your tickets, please email or phone Lynda: Highnam.church@aol.co.uk 525567

(tickets are limited owing to space, so please book early).

Good Friday, April 19th

Messy Church 10.00 - 12.00 Highnam Old School.

A fun morning for all children and families : crafts, activities and making Easter Gardens. Email Helen if you are coming—to help us with numbers.

12noon. Tibberton Church (with coffee and hot cross buns from 11.30) A meditative service reflecting on Jesus’ last hours, led by Revd Jayne Webb.

7pm. Highnam Church. ‘At the Cross’; The Benefice Choir lead us in an evening of music, readings and hymns for Good Friday.

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