

The Benefice Highnam, Tibberton with Rudford and Taynton  
and the Parish of Minsterworth

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Services Today**

9.30am	Holy Communion	Tibberton
11.00am	Holy Communion Followed by APCM	Taynton
11.00am	The 11 O Clock	Minsterworth
5.00pm	Taize	Highnam

<b>Bible Readings</b>	<b>Collect</b>
Acts 9.36-end Revelation 7.9-end John 10.22-30	Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

**Church Diary** – what's on and what to pray for...

Mon	12 <sup>th</sup> May	9am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
		11.30am	Minsterworth Fabric Committee
Tues	13 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am	Coffee and Communion at Rudford Church
		4pm	Lassington Tower Trustees Visit
Wed	14 <sup>th</sup> May	10.15am	TLC Bereavement Group at Trioscape
		4.30pm	Burial of Ashes in Highnam
Thurs	15 <sup>th</sup> May	9am	Collective Worship with Highnam Academy
		10am	Rudford Retreat Day
		3.15pm	Sportily after School Club at Highnam Church
		4.30pm	Sportily Laugh in the park at Highnam Playing field
		6.00pm	Sportily Youth Hangout at Highnam Academy
		7.00pm	Choir Practice at Highnam Church
Fri, Sat, Sun	16 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> May		Carducci Festival at Highnam Church

**Services Next Sunday – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

9.30am	Holy Communion	Minsterworth
5.00pm	Family Huddle	Highnam Academy

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### **Acts 9.36-end**

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

### **Revelation 7.9-end**

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,

'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honour  
and power and might  
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

### **John 10.22-30**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'