

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

Sunday 1st June – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Services Today

9.30am	Holy Communion	Highnam
11am	Holy Communion	Rudford
5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Minsterworth

N.B. Highnam Court Open Day today – Highnam Church will be open for visitors from 12noon-5pm

Bible Readings	Collect
Acts 16.16-34 Revelation 22.12-14,16,17,20-end John 17.20-end	Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

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

Mon	2 nd June	9am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
		4.30pm	Highnam PCC Standing Committee at the Rectory
Tues	3 rd June	1pm	Funeral of David Lloyd at Highnam
Wed	4 th June	7pm	Taynton PCC at Haynes Farm
Thurs	5 th June	9am	Collective Worship at Highnam Academy
		3.15pm	Sportily after School Club at Highnam Church
		4.30pm	Sportily Laugh in the park at Highnam Play field
		6.00pm	Sportily Youth Hangout at Highnam Academy
Sat	7 th June	10am-12noon	Drop in Bookings for Weddings and Baptisms in Highnam Church

Services Next Sunday – Pentecost – 8th June

9.30am	Holy Communion	Tibberton
11am	Holy Communion	Taynton
11am	The 11 o'clock	Minsterworth
5pm	Taize Reflective Worship	Highnam

N.B. Highnam Court Car Show in on 8th June and will be exiting via the church car park – if you are coming to the Taize Service please consider walking if possible and if driving, take care entering the car park.

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Acts 16.16–34

1 One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation. She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe. The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, Do not harm yourself, for we are all here. The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? They answered, Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household. They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Revelation 22.12–14, 16, 17, 20–end

See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.

The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let everyone who hears say, Come. And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, Surely I am coming soon. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

John 17.20–end

I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.