

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

Sunday 12th October 2025 – Trinity 17

9.30am	Holy Communion	Tibberton
11am	Holy Communion	Taynton
11am	The 11 o'clock	Minsterworth
2pm	Wedding Rehearsal	Highnam
5pm	Taizé Reflective Service	Highnam

Bible Readings	Collect
2 Kings 5.1-3,7-15c 2 Timothy 2.8-15 Luke 17.11-19	Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Mon	13 th Oct.	9am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
		10am	HELP Architect Meeting
		11am	Ministry Team Meeting
Tues	14 th Oct.	9am	Collective Worship at Highnam School
		10.30am	Coffee and Communion at Rudford
Wed	15 th Oct.	7pm	Deanery Synod at Ashleworth
Thurs	16 th Oct.	10am	Rudford Retreat Day
		6.30pm	Fish, Chips and Film at Minsterworth Village Hall
Fri	17 th Oct.	11.30am	Wedding of Faith and Benjamin at Highnam
Sat	18 th Oct.	6.30pm	Tibberton, Rudford and Taynton Harvest Service and Supper at Rudford Village Hall

Services Next Sunday – 19th October 2025- Harvest Festivals

9.30am	Harvest Festival with Holy Communion	Minsterworth
11am	Harvest Festival with Holy Communion	Highnam
1pm	Baptism	Highnam

2 Kings 5.1-3,7-15c

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.'

When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.'

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?' So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, 'Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant.'

2 Timothy 2.8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he will also deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Luke 17.11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'