

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

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025 – Creationtide 5

10am	Café Church for Creationtide	Highnam School
11am	Holy Communion	Rudford
5pm	Evening Prayer	Minsterworth

Bible Readings for Holy Communion	Collect
Genesis 9:8–17  1 Corinthians 10:23–31  Matthew 5:43–48	Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Church Diary – what’s on and what to pray for...

Mon	6 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	9am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
		4.30pm	Highnam Standing Committee
Tues	7 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	9am	Collective Worship at Highnam School
Wed	8 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	10.15am	TLC Bereavement Group at Trioscape
Thurs	9 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	3.10pm	Harvest Assembly with Rev. Heather at Tibberton School
		7pm	Benefice Choir Rehearsal at Highnam Church
Sat	11 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	10am	Wedding and Baptism Booking Drop In at Highnam Church

## Services Next Sunday – 12<sup>th</sup> October 2025- Trinity 17

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

### Genesis 9:8–17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ‘As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.’ God said, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between

me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

## **1 Corinthians 10:23–31**

'All things are lawful', but not all things are beneficial. 'All things are lawful', but not all things build up. Do not seek your own advantage, but that of others. Eat whatever is sold in the meat market without raising any question on the ground of conscience, for 'the earth and its fullness are the Lord's.' If an unbeliever invites you to a meal and you are disposed to go, eat whatever is set before you without raising any question on the ground of conscience. But if someone says to you, 'This has been offered in sacrifice', then do not eat it, out of consideration for the one who informed you, and for the sake of conscience—I mean the other's conscience, not your own. For why should my liberty be subject to the judgement of someone else's conscience? If I partake with thankfulness, why should I be denounced because of that for which I give thanks?

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.

## **Matthew 5:43-48**

'You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy." But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.