

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

Notices – January 2026

Services this Month

4 th January- Epiphany	Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion	Highnam
		11.00am	Holy Communion	Rudford
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Minsterworth
6 th January	Tuesday	10.30am	Coffee and Communion	Rudford
11 th January	Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion	Tibberton
		11.00am	The 11 o'clock	Minsterworth
		11.00am	Holy Communion	Taynton
		5.00pm	Taizé Reflective Service	Highnam
18 th January	Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion	Minsterworth
		11.00am	Holy Communion	Highnam
25 th January	Sunday	10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion	Tibberton

A Big Christmas Thank You

I would like to thank every single volunteer who helped us throughout the Advent and Christmas period. Whether you opened up the church, baked, sang, planned, welcomed, organised, risk assessed, put up posters, dressed up for the Crib Service, lent us your donkeys, made Christingles or so many more things – thank you. The amazing services we put on would not be possible without all of you. I hope that you all had a blessed Christmas, and wish you the peace of the Christ Child going into the new year – Rev. Heather

Baptism and wedding bookings

Rev. Heather will be in Highnam Church to see new wedding couples and baptism families on
3rd January from 10am-12noon.



The next booking session
after this is on
Saturday 7th February 2026



You are invited to.....

A Service for the
Celebration of Marriage
Sunday 15th February 2026 at 4pm

at Highnam Church

Followed by celebration refreshments

All welcome, whether married 5 mins or 5 decades!

Coffee and Communion

Rudford

Now regularly on the
2nd Tuesday of each month at 10.30am

Drop in for coffee and a chat before a simple service
of Holy Communion



Thank you, thank you, thank you

I am writing to say “**Thank you**” to all the residents who were able to support my three initiatives in 2025, namely the sale of 'firewood and kindling', 'plant troughs' and 'bird boxes', all in aid of Highnam Church.

The combined total raised for the whole of 2025 amounted to **£1,975**.

Naturally sales of firewood will continue until around March 2026, and the sale of plant troughs, once again, will pick up around spring time. However it is never too early to put in an order for a trough, or more, in readiness for 'Spring 2026'.

Once again thank you to everyone and let's see if we can reach the magic £2,000 in 2026.

- Graham Hayles. 01452 422353.

Thank you to everyone who followed Mary, Joseph and Donkey's adventures in Advent over on Facebook @HighnamChurchLife !



Keep your eyes out as Epiphany approaches because who knows? You could spot some wise men!

Eco Church Update: Please see the article from Wild Highnam in the Link about the Big Garden Birdwatch this January. They have a brilliant event planned on **Saturday the 24th January, 10am** and we plan on joining in.

A bit later in the day we will be hosting a family friendly **Big Garden Birdwatch Count at Highnam Church between 2.30 and 3.45pm**. Hopefully the birds will be busy feeding at this time before roosting for the evening. We will submit our findings to the RSPB after the event.

There will be hot drinks and refreshments, and please wear suitable clothing for the weather. Look out for updates over on our Facebook @HighnamChurchLife.

Keep an eye out for February's Link to find out about what we have planned to coincide with London Fashion Week! – *Eco Church Team*



Calling Highnam bakers!



With the ongoing success of the Community Churchyard Maintenance Group which takes place on the first Saturday of each month we are seeking bakers to help provide cake for the team. We are often 20 in the group and when you include the wedding couples and baptism families that we like to offer hospitality to, the baking has become too much for the few bakers who have done it for the last 2 1/2 years. With enough volunteers you might only be asked to bake 3 times a year, please consider if you can help and if so talk to Kate Holton.

In aid of Highnam Church

FIREWOOD FOR SALE

All wood seasoned and recycled

Box of Logs - £6

Box of Kindling - £10

Phone Graham on: 01452 422353

Local deliveries available on larger orders



Held at Triscope Garden Centre Cafe to support those who have been bereaved. Whether your loss is very recent or some time ago, we know there are times when it is really hard. We hope this group will offer a place where it's OK to come and be with others who 'just get it' – who know it's perfectly possible to need to laugh and cry at the same time or in turn on different days. Meetings are held regularly on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 10.15am. All are welcome.

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