

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

## Notices – February 2026

### Services this Month

1 <sup>st</sup> February	Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion	Highnam
		11.00am	Holy Communion	Rudford
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Minsterworth
8 <sup>th</sup> February	Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion	Tibberton
		11.00am	The 11 o'clock	Minsterworth
		11.00am	Holy Communion	Taynton
15 <sup>th</sup> February	Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion	Minsterworth
		11.00am	Holy Communion (followed by Highnam Fashion Week Conversation)	Highnam
		4.00pm (come at 3.30pm for cake!)	A Service for the Celebration of Marriage	Highnam
18 <sup>th</sup> February	Wednesday	7.00pm	Ash Wednesday Service	Highnam
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Sunday	10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion	Taynton

### Highnam Churchyard Community Working Group

Join us in Highnam Churchyard for our  
first session of 2026.



**When?** Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February, 9.30-11.30am

**Where?** Highnam Church



Refreshments provided, please bring  
your own gloves.



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### Baptism and wedding bookings

Rev. Heather will be in Highnam  
Church to see new wedding  
couples and baptism families on  
**7<sup>th</sup> February from 10am-  
12noon.**

The next booking session  
after this is on  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2026



# 2025 Round Up!

Over all of our Christmas services, across the Benefice, **1154** people were welcomed into our churches. That's **1154** times that a person heard about the baby Jesus being born.

Across the Benefice we raised **£483.64** for the Children's Society as well as supporting other charities throughout the year including Gloucester City Mission, Water Aid, The Lord's Larder (Newent) and the Royal British Legion.



Across the Benefice in 2025 we held:

**15 Baptisms**

**4 Weddings**

**25 Funerals/Burials of Ashes**



*You are invited to.....*

A Service for the  
Celebration of Marriage  
*Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 4pm*  
at Highnam Church

Please join us for celebration refreshments at **3.30pm** before the service.

All welcome, whether married 5 mins or 5 decades!

## **Ash Wednesday Service**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February, 7pm, at Highnam Church. Come and start your Lent with us.  
All welcome.



## **Come for Pancakes on Shrove Tuesday!**



**Rudford Village Hall**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February  
2.30-4.30pm



Proceeds to Tibberton Church

## Highnam Fashion Week Conversation

Join us directly after the 11am service at Highnam  
on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February (so about 12pm) for...



- A fun quiz about what fashion costs in resources and the ethics of fast fashion.
- Ideas and tips about sustainable fashion.
- If you fancy it... please **wear (or bring!) your oldest item of clothing** and talk to others about why you still have it and how many years you have owned it.

There will be refreshments provided - *Eco Church Team.*

## In aid of Highnam Church

### FIREWOOD FOR SALE

All wood seasoned and recycled

Box of Logs - £6

Box of Kindling - £10

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After our 'fallow year' in 2025, we are delighted to announce that the 2026 Highnam Open Gardens will be held on the weekend of 30th/31st May.

More details to follow in the Link and on the Highnam Church Life Facebook page.

## save the date

30 & 31 MAY 2026

## HIGHNAM OPEN GARDENS



## Big Garden Birdwatch Results

Thank you to everyone who braved the rain to join the Eco Church Team for our Big Garden Birdwatch at Highnam Church in January. We spotted:



10 crows

3 robins

1 wren

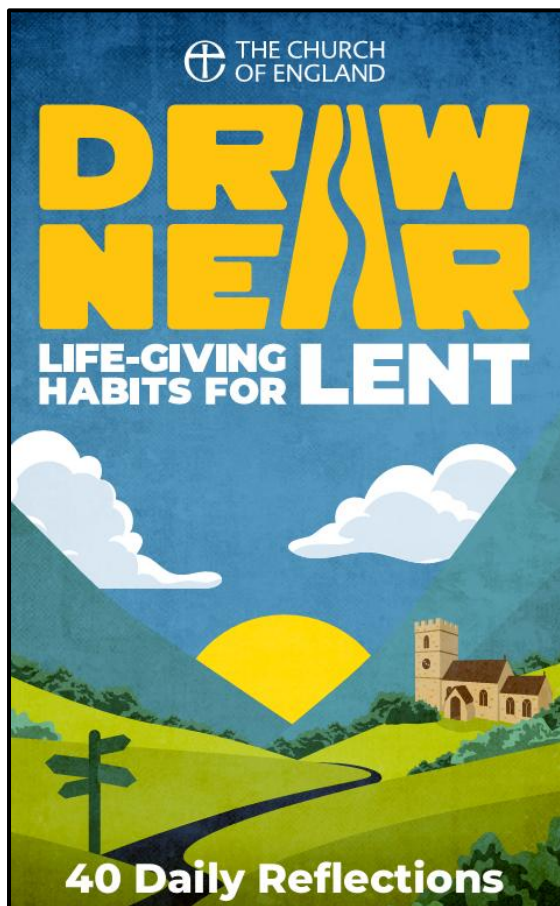
1 wood pigeon

2 blackbirds

1 house sparrow







## Lent Course

Across the Benefice we will be joining together for this year's Lent Course based on the Church of England's daily Lent reflections booklet. Booklets are available from Rev. Heather for £2.50 each and contain a short reading and thought for each day of Lent.

We will gather weekly to discuss the themes of the week and share our Christian faith together looking at **worshipping** together, **praying**, **exploring the Bible**, sharing **communion**, offering **service** and **sharing the good news** with others. Lent is a great opportunity to check in with our own faith – both as individuals and as a worshipping community – think of this course as a Spiritual MOT!

The group will run on **Thursday nights** in Highnam School Hall **at 6.30pm** starting 19<sup>th</sup> February.

Please tell Rev. Heather if you're coming along.

### 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.



Held at Trioscape 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.

### Contacts

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Or visit our website: **www.highnamchurch.org**