

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

Notices – March 2026

Services this Month

1 st March	Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion	Highnam
		11.00am	Holy Communion	Rudford
		5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Minsterworth
8 th March	Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion	Tibberton
		11.00am	The 11 o'clock	Minsterworth
		11.00am	Holy Communion	Taynton
		5.00pm	Taizé Reflective Service	Highnam
10 th March	Tuesday	10.30am	Coffee and Communion	Rudford
15 th March	Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion	Minsterworth
		11.00am	Café Church for Mothering Sunday	Highnam School
22 nd March	Sunday	10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion	Minsterworth
29 th March	Sunday	9.30am	Palm Sunday Procession/Service (you can come to procession, or just to the service).	For details please see the Palm Sunday advert below.
30 th March – Holy Week	Monday	7.00pm	Reflections and Compline	Highnam
31 st March	Tuesday	7.00pm	Reflections and Compline	Highnam

Palm Sunday Procession/Service

9.30am - Meet at Highnam School

We will walk from the school to the church together, waving palms as we go!

10.15am - Arrive at Highnam Church

There will be refreshments!

10.45 am - Holy Communion Starts



Highnam Churchyard Community Working Group

Join us in Highnam Churchyard for our session this month.



When? Saturday 7th March, 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 **7th March from 10am-12noon.**

The next booking session after this is on

Saturday 2nd May 2026



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Journeying Together Through Holy Week...

Sunday 29th March – 9.30am Palm Sunday Procession and Service – Highnam

Monday 30th March – 7pm Reflections and Compline – Highnam

Tuesday 31st March – 7pm Reflections and Compline – Highnam

Wednesday 1st April – 7pm Reflections and Compline - Highnam

Thursday 2nd April (Maundy Thursday) – 7pm Holy Communion followed by the Watch – Highnam

Friday 3rd April (Good Friday):

- 12 noon - At the Foot of the Cross – Tibberton
- 2pm – The Last Hour – Highnam
- 7pm – Tenebrae – Minsterworth

Saturday 4th April (Easter Eve) – 7pm, The Paschal Liturgy – Highnam

Sunday 5th April (Easter Sunday)

- 6.15am – Sunrise Service – Lassington Tower
- 9.30am – Holy Communion – Highnam
- 11am – Holy Communion - Tibberton



Lent Lunches

Everyone is warmly invited to one or more of our simple bread and soup lunches in support of Christian Aid. You are welcome any time between 12 and 2pm on the following dates:

Date of Lunch	Host	Address
Wednesday 25 th February	Anna and David Ball	2 Beech Close, Highnam
Sunday 1 st March	Church Lunch (from 12.30pm, all welcome)	Old School, Highnam
Tuesday 10 th March	Fran and Dave Tolond	1 Micklemead, Highnam
Friday 27 th March	Rita and Nigel Garbutt	Tudor Cottage, Minsterworth, GL2 8JP (turn right into narrow drive immediately before Oakle Street on A48)



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.



Fashion Week

It was amazing to see so many people at #highnamfashionweek! Seeing everyone's older clothes and hearing the stories and memories behind them was a lot of fun.

We talked about the environmental and human cost of fast fashion, and how the clothes we buy and choose to wear should reflect our inner values. As Christians, we work for justice for all people, so it is important that we scrutinise fashion companies to ensure they have ethical practises, pay workers a fair wage and have safe working conditions.

Mending clothes, taking old clothes to charity shops and using eco-friendly washing products all helps to make fashion a bit more sustainable. – *Eco Church Team*



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. The Lent Course started in February but will continue throughout March, and it is not too late to join in.

The group will run on **Thursday nights** in Highnam School Hall at **6.30pm**.

Highnam Church puts the kettle on for...

Café Church for Mothering Sunday

When? Sunday 15th March 2026, 11am



Where? Highnam School



What? Informal, family worship celebrating those who care for us.



Refreshments provided, and all are welcome.
Flowers for all mothers.



Some more Easter Service Details...



Paschal Liturgy

When? Easter Eve, 4th April, 7pm

Where? Highnam Church



The Paschal Liturgy marks the end of the emptiness of Holy Saturday, and leads into the celebration of Christ's resurrection.

We hear stories of God's work from creation through to the resurrection of Christ and renew our baptismal vows. The new Paschal Candle is lit, reminding us that Jesus is the light of the world, and the light is carried through the church and progressively passed to the whole congregation.

You would be most welcome to join us for this special service.

Sunrise Service

When? Easter Sunday, 5th April, 6.15am

Where? Lassington Tower



Come and join us on Easter Morning to watch the sunrise and celebrate the risen Christ. This will be followed by breakfast at Astman's Farm.



Tears, Laughter, Company
Bereavement Support

Held at Trioscage 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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