

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

Notices – April 2026

Services this Month

1 st April	Wednesday	7.00pm	Reflections and Compline for Holy Week	Highnam
2 nd April	Maundy Thursday	7.00pm	Holy Communion followed by the Watch	Highnam
3 rd April	Good Friday	12 noon	At the Foot of the Cross	Tibberton
		2.00pm	The Last Hour	Highnam
		7.00pm	Tenebrae	Minsterworth
4 th April	Easter Eve	7.00pm	Paschal Liturgy	Highnam
5 th April	Easter Sunday	6.15am	Sunrise Service	Lassington Tower
		9.30am	Holy Communion	Highnam
		11am	Holy Communion	Tibberton
		3.00pm	Easter Sunday Celebration	Minsterworth
12 th April	Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion	Rudford
		11.00am	Holy Communion	Taynton
		11.00am	The 11 o'clock	Minsterworth
		5.00pm	Taizé Reflective Service	Highnam
19 th April	Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion	Minsterworth
		11.00am	Holy Communion	Highnam
26 th April	Sunday	10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion	Highnam

Baptism and wedding bookings

Due to Lent and Easter, there will be no booking morning this month (April). Rev. Heather will be in Highnam Church to see new wedding couples and baptism families on

Saturday 2nd May from 10am-12noon.



Highnam Churchyard Community Working Group

The next Churchyard group will be in May.



When? Saturday 2nd May, 9.30-11.30am



Where? Highnam Church

Refreshments provided, please bring your own gloves.



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During Holy Week it is easy to rush through to the joy of the resurrection without sitting in the sorrow of Maundy Thursday, through Good Friday and into Easter Saturday. Therefore, this year, maybe we can try to journey together, step by step, through the whole week, remembering what Jesus did, and what him and his friends might have been thinking and feeling.

You would be very welcome at all of these services, and if you have any questions about them then please don't hesitate to ask by sending an email to highnam.church@aol.co.uk.

Journeying Together Through Holy Week...

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

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

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 Church

Friday 3rd April (Good Friday):

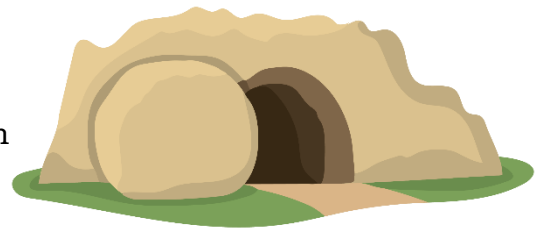
- 12 noon - At the Foot of the Cross – Tibberton Church
- 2pm – The Last Hour – Highnam Church
- 7pm – Tenebrae – Minsterworth Church



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

Sunday 5th April (Easter Sunday)

- 6.15am – Sunrise Service – Lassington Tower
- 9.30am – Holy Communion – Highnam Church
- 11am – Holy Communion – Tibberton Church
- 3pm Easter Sunday Celebration – Minsterworth Church



Easter Garden Competition!

This year, we are running an Easter Garden Competition! Open to all ages - we would love to see entries from adults and children.

Example:



What do I need to do?

Make an Easter Garden that is about the size of a dinner plate.

You can use whatever media you like.

How do I enter?

Bring your garden to Highnam Church for the 9.30am Easter Sunday Service (5th April 2026).

Prizes for all entries, and special prizes for the winners!





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 (it's Rev. Heather's favourite of the whole year!).

Taynton Spring Clean

When? Saturday 18th April, 10am

Where? Taynton Church

We would be really grateful for any volunteers who could come and help us to clean Taynton Church.



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.

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed,

Alleluia!



Easter Sunday Celebration at Minsterworth Church

When? Easter Sunday (5th April), 3pm

Where? Minsterworth Church



Come to Minsterworth Church on Easter Sunday to see the wonderful floral displays, and enjoy tea and cake together as we celebrate the risen Christ.



There will also be an Easter Egg hunt for children.



All are welcome.

HIGHNAM OPEN GARDENS

**Saturday 30th & Sunday 31st
May 2026**

from 12.30 until 5.00 pm
11 gardens to visit

Programmes available on the day from
2 Beech Close, 5 Poppyfield or
68 Maidenhall or in advance courtesy of
Highnam Stores

£7.50 FOR ADULTS, CHILDREN FREE
WEEKEND TICKET SO YOU CAN SEE ALL THE GARDENS

PLANTS, RAFFLE & REFRESHMENTS

Assistance dogs only please

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In aid of Highnam Church and Listening Post

APCM DATES

Tibberton with Rudford – Sunday
3rd May – following 11am service.

Minsterworth – Sunday 3rd May –
4pm, followed by evening prayer at
5pm.

Taynton – Sunday 10th May –
following 11am service.

Highnam – Sunday 10th May – 4pm
meeting, then stay for scones, and
a reflective service at 5pm.

 **Harp and a Monkey**

The award-winning Folk and
Storytelling Trio comes to Highnam...

When? Friday 1st May, 7.30pm

Where? Parish Room, Highnam

Price? £15 per person

For tickets please contact Susanna
Stewart on: susystemart@outlook.com

**Fundraising for Highnam
Church**



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.

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