

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

Sunday 26th April 2026 – The Fourth Sunday of Easter

10am	Benefice Holy Communion	Highnam
12.30pm	Baptism of Jacob	Minsterworth

Bible Readings	Collect
Acts 2.42-47 1 Peter 2.19-25 John 10.1-10	Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

Church Diary – what's on and what to pray for...

Mon	27 th April	9am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
Tues	28 th April	9am	Collective Worship in Highnam School
Wed	29 th April	11am	Funeral of Betty Powell in Highnam Church
Sat	2 nd May	9.30am	Highnam Churchyard Community Working Group
		10am-12noon	Baptism and Wedding bookings drop-in at Highnam Church

Services Next Sunday – 3rd May 2026 – The Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.30am	Holy Communion	Highnam
11am	Holy Communion followed by Tibberton with Rudford APCM	Rudford
4pm	Minsterworth APCM followed by Evening Prayer at 5pm	Minsterworth

** Highnam Church will be open for visitors from 12-4pm on Sunday 3rd May 2026 **

Acts 2.42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

1 Peter 2.19-25

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

'He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

John 10.1-10

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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