

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

**Notices – July 2026**

**Services this Month**

5 <sup>th</sup> July	Sunday	11am	Benefice Holy Communion (Lorna's Welcome Service) followed by bring and share lunch	Highnam
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion	Tibberton
		11.00am	Holy Communion	Taynton
		11.00am	The 11 o'clock	Minsterworth
		5.00pm	Peaceful Prayers	Highnam
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Tuesday	10.30am	Coffee and Communion	Rudford
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion	Minsterworth
		11.00am	Holy Communion	Highnam
26 <sup>th</sup> July	Sunday	10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion	Minsterworth

**Baptism bookings**

Rev. Heather will be in Highnam Church to see new baptism families on **4<sup>th</sup> July from 10am-12noon.**

The next booking session: 05/09/26



**Highnam Churchyard Community Working Group**

Join us in Highnam Churchyard for our session this month.



**When?** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 9.30-11.30am



**Where?** Highnam Church

Refreshments provided, please bring your own gloves.



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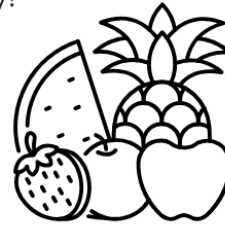
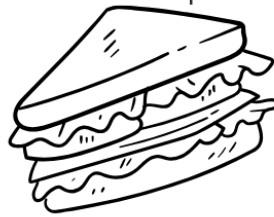
# Benefice Welcome Service

Please join us for a Benefice Holy Communion service to welcome our new Curate, Lorna, and her family, followed by a bring and share lunch in the Parish Room.

**Where?** Highnam Church  
**When?** Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July, 11am



Please bring one plate of picnic/buffet food that does not require cutlery!



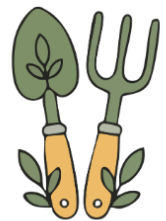
## Minsterworth Churchyard Tidy-Up

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July from 10am-1pm**

Any help would be much appreciated.



Jobs include clearing ivy and elder, tidying around headstones and weeding pathways.



Please bring your own gloves and tools. Refreshments provided.



For further information contact Jo. Tel: 07443450102



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.



**APCM Update:** Following all our APCMs across the Benefice, our new churchwardens and PCC members are as follows:

**Minsterworth:** Churchwardens: Jo Stait and Cathy Thomas. PCC members: Liz Savage, Terry Moore-Scott, Brian Billingham, Brenda Gardener, Michael Hooper, Mary Cooper and Emma Harrington. Deanery Synod rep: John de Gruyther (non-PCC member).

**Tibberton with Rudford:** Churchwardens: Elizabeth Amos and Robert Heigham. PCC members: Rachael Wheatley, Barbara Davies, Neil Kinlay, Jo Smith, Janet Churchill-Wood, Jill Deane (also Deanery Synod rep).

**Taynton:** Churchwarden: Rosie Ker. PCC members: David Dockray, Rosemary Williams (also Deanery Synod rep).

**Highnam:** Churchwardens: Helen Babbage and Gill Davies. PCC members: Helen Folliard, Evie de Gruyther, Chris Gardner (also Deanery Synod rep), Kate Holton, Janet Hogg (also Deanery Synod rep) and Sue Coggin.

# Eco Church Update - Churches Count on Nature

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Churches Count on Nature event in June. It was wonderful to see smiling faces discover various creepy-crawlies in the churchyard – the snail was a particular favourite! We identified lots of plants (e.g. bird's food trefoil, oxeye daisies, lady's bedstraw and many more) and lichens. There was also a greater spotted woodpecker sighted in a tree! Churchyards have huge ecological value for many reasons including the old trees and gravestones. Ancient trees provide homes for countless species, and old gravestones act as 'lichen sanctuaries'. We are so grateful that our churchyard is home to so many of God's creatures and as always we are grateful to the volunteers who take care of our churchyard – maintaining it as a peaceful haven for people and for wildlife. – *Eco Church Team*



## *The Stuart Singers Concert*

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 4.30pm**

**Holy Innocents Church, Highnam**

Tickets £10 - Under 16's £5

Book online at: [www.stuartsingers.com](http://www.stuartsingers.com)

Or contact Susanna at: [susystewart@outlook.com](mailto:susystewart@outlook.com)

Tea and cakes available to purchase

A fundraising event for Highnam Church.



### Contacts

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