

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

Sunday 5th July 2026 – The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

11am	Benefice Holy Communion to welcome our new curate (Lorna) and her family, followed by a Bring and Share Lunch in the parish room.	Highnam
5pm	Evening Prayer	Minsterworth

** Please note Highnam Church is open for visitors this Sunday from 12-4pm**

Bible Readings	Collect
Zechariah 9.9-12 Romans 7.15-25a Matthew 11.16-19,25-30	Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Mon	6 th June	9am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
		4.30pm	Churchwardens meeting at the Rectory
Tues	7 th June	9am	Collective Worship at Highnam School
Wed	8 th June	10.15am	TLC Bereavement Group at Trioscape
Thurs	9 th July	7.30pm	Tibberton with Rudford PCC meeting

Services Next Sunday – 12th July 2026 – The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Holy Communion	Tibberton
11am	Holy Communion with Baptism of Isabel	Taynton
11am	The 11 o'clock	Minsterworth
5pm	Peaceful Prayers	Highnam

Zechariah 9.9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the warhorse from Jerusalem;
and the battle-bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Romans 7.15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

Matthew 11.16-19, 25-30

‘But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’

At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

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