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

Sunday 8th November 2026 – Remembrance Sunday

10.45am	Remembrance Service (all ages, non-Eucharistic)	Highnam
10.45am	Remembrance Service with Holy Communion	Taynton

Bible Readings	**Collect**
Amos 5.18-24 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18 Matthew 25.1-13	God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Mon	9th Nov	9am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
Tues	10th Nov	9am	Collective Worship in Highnam School
		10.30am	Coffee and Communion at Rudford with cross being laid on war grave, and a two minute silence for Remembrance
Weds	11th Nov	10.15am	TLC Bereavement Group at Trioscape
		11.00am	Act of Remembrance at Minsterworth
Thurs	12th Nov	7pm	Benefice Christmas Choir Concert rehearsal in Highnam Church
		7.30pm	Tibberton with Rudford PCC

Services Next Sunday – 15th November 2026 – Second Sunday before Advent

9.30am	Holy Communion	Minsterworth
11am	Holy Communion	Highnam

Amos 5.18-24

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!
  Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light;
  as if someone fled from a lion,
  and was met by a bear;
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
  and was bitten by a snake.
Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
  and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals,
  and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings,
  I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
  I will not look upon.
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
  I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
But let justice roll down like waters,
  and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

1 Thessalonians 4.13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Matthew 25.1-13

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour..

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