

Diary

Mon	1st August	9:00am	Morning Prayer on Zoom (email Susanna susystewart@outlook.com)
Wed	3rd August	9:30am	Morning Prayer at Highnam Church
Sun	7th August	10.00am	Holy Communion Highnam

Looking Ahead

Mark Hammond— Thursday 11th August
Family cremation in the morning and
A Thanksgiving Service for Mark's life at 2.00pm in Taynton Church

Five Churches Communion services -

August 28th - Tibberton (to include a presentation to Owen)
September 25th - Minsterworth

Licensing of Rev Heather de Gruyther as Priest in Charge for Highnam
Benefice and Minsterworth Parish will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 21st
September, followed by refreshments in the Gambier-Parry hall.



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The United Benefice of
Highnam, Tibberton with
Rudford and Taynton

**Sunday
31st July**

A very warm welcome to our services

*If you are visiting or worshipping with us for the first time, we do
hope that you will enjoy the service.*

Please introduce yourself to the clergy and the worship team.



Sunday 31st July - Seventh after Trinity

10:00am Five Churches Holy Communion Taynton Rev Geoff Crago
3:00pm Riverside Songs of Praise Minsterworth

Readings

Colossians 3. 1-11

Luke 12. 13-21



Collect

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please Pray for:

- Heather and her family as they prepare to move to Highnam, joining us for the next chapter of our church and faith lives
- The world; care for creation, sharing and maintaining limited resources to help alleviate extreme weather events
- The successful export of grain from Ukraine, helping to avert extreme hunger in Africa
- Our country and leaders; for truth and compassion, a caring for all people over power



Bible readings

Colossians 3. 1-11

The New Life in Christ

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Luke 12. 13-21

The Parable of the Rich Fool

Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

St Peter's Church, Minsterworth - 31st July 2022 at 3pm

Riverside Songs of Praise with Members of Gloucester Salvation Army Band.

Refreshments provided,
All Welcome



News & Events

Owen Westall

As many of you are aware Owen, our Children and Young Families Worker, will be leaving us at the end of August to pursue a career in teaching.

Owen has provided support to both Highnam C of E Primary Academy and Tibberton Community Primary School by leading Worship and providing on line Worship and RE lessons during the Pandemic. In addition with the help of Volunteers he took over responsibility for "Little Church " and "Messy Church" amongst other activities. The pandemic did not make his job easy and we appreciate all he has done,

To mark the time he spent in The Benefice, the Churchwardens would like to make a presentation to Owen during the Five Churches Service on Sunday 28th August in Holy Trinity Tibberton at 10-00am, If you would like to make a donation to the presentation fund please give it to one of the Churchwardens, Phil Perks

Licensing Service on 21st September; Highnam Church 7.30pm

The service to license Heather as the new Priest-in-charge for Highnam Benefice and Minsterworth Parish is now being planned. The service will involve more members of the congregations and community than in the past. Then afterwards we shall welcome Heather and family with food and drink in the Gambier-Parry Hall.

First Aider Course

In the past we have asked if there are any first aiders who are willing to be called on when needed, but we have had no response. As a result Highnam PCC are considering running a short, basic first aid course and would like to gauge levels of interest. It would be helpful to have a cohort of people who could be asked to be available for concerts etc. A first aider at services would also be helpful, so please consider training if you are a sidesperson, or help out in the church. The more people trained, the less often they are called on!! If you think you may be interested have a chat with a PCC member.