

Diary

Mon 4th March	9:00am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
Wed 6th March	6.00pm	Highnam Academy LAB at Highnam
	7.30pm	Taynton PCC at Haines Farm
Thurs 7th March	9.00am	Wild Wanderings from Highnam Academy
	9.00am	Collective Worship at Highnam Academy
	10.30am	Highnam Deacons Training at Highnam
	1.30pm	Quiet Prayer for Lent in Minsterworth
	3.15pm & 3.45pm	Bus Stop Sports at the Rectory
	4.30pm	Community Sports at the Playing field

Sunday 10th March - Mothering Sunday

9.30am	Holy Communion	Tibberton
11.00am	Holy Communion	Taynton
11.00am	The 11 O'Clock	Minsterworth

Advance Notice - APCM dates across the Benefice

Highnam - Wednesday 1st May 7pm followed by drinks and nibbles

Tibberton with Rudford - Sunday 5th May - following a short 11am Holy Communion Service at Rudford

Minsterworth - Sunday 5th May - 4pm - followed by Evening Prayer

Taynton - Sunday 12th May - following a short 11am Holy Communion Service

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

Sunday 3rd March

Third Sunday of Lent



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 3rd March - Today's Services

9.30am	Holy Communion	Highnam
11.00am	Holy Communion	Rudford
5.00pm	Evening Prayer	Minsterworth

Bible Readings

Exodus 20.1-17

1 Corinthians 1.18-25

John 2.12-22



Collect

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are
promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lent Groups

Tibberton Lent Group

Monday afternoons from 2.30 - approx 4.00pm at 35 Orchard Rise, starting on 19th February.

Entitled 'Unbounded Love', we will be using themes linked to the Sunday Gospel lectionary readings during Lent, each week using one of the lines from Charles Wesley's hymn 'Love Divine, all loves excelling' as a starting point for our discussion.

For more info speak to Peter Gardner

Peaceful Prayers

Join Rev Heather in one of our churches on a Thursday afternoon for an hour of peaceful prayers. We'll start and end with some simple words and music and sit quietly in prayer together in between. 1.30pm – 2.30pm each week

7th March—Minsterworth

14th March – Rudford

21st March – Highnam

Highnam Church Visitors

We are very fortunate to have such a beautiful spiritual building, full of Christian imagery and Bible texts. We can only share these great symbols of our faith with others if we open our church doors. Could you become a steward who welcomes visitors to the church for an hour or two on a couple of Sundays during the summer? A meeting is being held to explain how simple and rewarding this task is. Please speak to Pete, Ken or Susanna to enquire. Come and find out more on 17th March, 4pm at Highnam Church.

Tibberton and Rudford Churches will be holding a coffee morning on Saturday the 9th of March, at Burway House, Buttermilk Lane Rudford. 10 am until 12 noon.

All welcome to come and have a coffee and chat.

HIGHNAM LENT LUNCHES

Please note details of this year's Lent lunches in support of Christian Aid, with many thanks to the hosts.
You are welcome to come along to any of the bread and soup lunches which run 12.00 -2.00.

**Friday 8 March at Rita & Nigel Garbutt, Tudor Cottage,
Minsterworth GL2 8JP**

(Turn right on A48 into narrow drive immediately before Oakle Street.
Plenty of parking. Pls call 750128 if you hope to attend.

Tuesday 19 March at Fran and Dave Tolond's, 1 Micklemead



Christian Aid is an organisation with a vision: a world free from poverty. Founded by British Churches in 1945, we follow Jesus' example and empower the world's poorest people to live a full, dignified life. We work globally, striving to achieve equality, dignity and freedom for all, regardless of faith or nationality.

Theatre Outing – Cheltenham

Were you around in the 1970's when Jesus Christ Superstar, the musical written by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice was performed? There is a new, reimagined production, that won the 2017 Olivier Award for Best Musical Revival coming to The Everyman Theatre at Cheltenham this summer. Highnam Church is organising a group booking that anyone and everyone is welcome to join.

Date: Thursday 8 August 2024

Time: 1400 hours

Cost: £45 a ticket - group rate

We will be arranging shared transport to accommodate those who would like to join the outing but don't drive.

Please register your interest by contacting Helen Babbage on 01452341501 or helenbabbage@gmail.com by 15 March.

Bible Readings

Exodus 20.1-17

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

1 Corinthians 1.18-25

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

John 2.12-22

After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples; and they remained there for a few days.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.