



## Diary



There will be no zoom Morning Prayer on Monday

Tues	24th Dec	4.00pm	Crib Service	Highnam Church
		11.00pm	Midnight Mass	Highnam Church
		11.00pm	Midnight Mass	Minsterworth Church
Wed	25th Dec	10.00am	Family Christmas Communion	Taynton Church
Fri	27th Dec	4.00pm	Carol Service	Minsterworth Church

### Sunday 29th December

**10.00am Something Different Holy Communion Highnam Church**

**Rev Heather will be on leave from the 26th December to Thursday the 2nd January. For any urgent matters please contact the Benefice office or your local church warden**

**Merry Christmas & Happy New year - From Amy**



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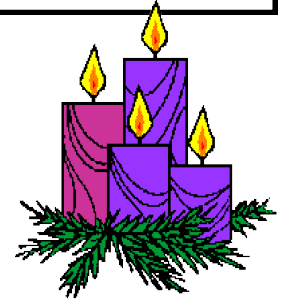
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The United Benefice of  
Highnam, Tibberton with Rudford and Taynton and  
the Parish of Minsterworth

## Sunday 22nd December Fourth Sunday of Advent



### *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 22nd December - Today's Services

10.00am Benefice Holy Communion Minsterworth

### Readings

Micah 5.2-5a

Hebrews 10.5-10

Luke 1.39-45 (46-55)



### Collect

Eternal God,  
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,  
so we wait for his coming in glory;  
bring us through the birth pangs of this  
present age  
to see, with her, our great salvation  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.



## Christmas Services

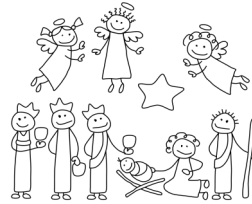


### Tuesday 24th December – Christmas Eve

4.00pm Crib Service

Highnam

- Come dressed up as a nativity character



11.00pm Midnight Mass

Highnam & Minsterworth

#### Readings

Isaiah 53.7-10

Hebrews 1.1-4 (5-12)

John 1.1-14

#### Collect

Eternal God,

in the stillness of this night  
you sent your almighty Word

to pierce the world's darkness with the light of  
salvation:

give to the earth the peace that we long for  
and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven  
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ..

### Wednesday 25th December – Christmas Day



10.00am Family Christmas Communion Taynton

#### Carol Service

4.00pm 27th December Minsterworth

With every prayer and blessing for Christmas  
and the New Year

from Rev. Heather, John, Evie and Samuel.

## 22nd December Bible Readings

### Micah 5.2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,  
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth;  
and he shall be the one of peace.

### Hebrews 10.5-10

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me;

in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God"

(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).'

When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

### Luke 1.39-45 (46-55)

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

And Mary said,

'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;  
he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'