

Diary

Mon	9th Dec	9.00am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Tues	10th Dec	2.30pm	Funeral	Highnam
Wed	11th Dec	10.15am	TLC Bereavement Group	Trioscape
Thurs	12th Dec	9.00am	Wild Wanderings	Highnam Academy
		9.30am	Highnam Academy	Highnam Church
			Experience Christmas	
Sat	14th Dec	1.00pm	Burial of Ashes	Tibberton
		5.00pm	Donkey Walk	Minsterworth

Sunday 15th December - 3rd Sunday of Advent

9.30am	Holy Communion	Minsterworth
11.00am	Holy Communion	Highnam
5.00pm	Family Huddle	Highnam Academy

In aid of Highnam Church

FIREWOOD FOR SALE

All wood seasoned and recycled

→ Box of Logs - £6

→ Box of Kindling - £10



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

Sunday 8th December

Second 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 8th December - Today's Services

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

Bible Readings

Malachi 3.1-4

Philippians 1.3-11

Luke 3.1-6

Collect

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes
again as
judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.



Update from the Joint Benefice and Highnam PCC Meetings on Wednesday 20th November, 2024

At the Joint Benefice meeting the Parishes discussed Vision and Mission. We discussed What is it you love or value about being part of the church? What is it to be a church? What does a church do? And What is a church for? We went away with an action to think about what we are doing well, where are the gaps and what can we build on.

Highnam PCC approved the Sportily proposal for 2025, appointment of the contractor for HELP (Highnam Electrics & Lighting Project) and allocation of finance. The next Highnam PCC meeting is Monday 20th January, 2025

Gill Davies Churchwarden



Congregational Christmas Card

Building on the Bronze award from Eco Church, Highnam Church are introducing a congregational Christmas card this year. The reason for this is 2 fold, firstly they save valuable resources by not sending cards to people that you frequently see in church and secondly raise money for charity. How it works - sign the Christmas card that you will find in Highnam church and make a donation in the monkey puzzle bowl that will be sent to the Childrens Society. Our thanks to Kath Cudby who kindly made the card and to John Grayson who made and carved the 2 new bowls you will see in Highnam church from the monkey puzzle that was felled earlier in the year.

If you want to know more about Eco Church please ask.

Helen Babbage - Church Warden

Saturday 14th December

Donkey Walk at Minsterworth



5.00pm Meet at Highcross (GL2 8JW) or park car at the church and get a tractor ride back

5.30pm Walk begins. Follow the donkey and sing carols as we walk through the village to the church for mince pies and hot drinks

Carol Services

7.00pm	15th December	Taynton
7.00pm	19th December	Highnam
4.00pm	22nd December	Rudford
4.00pm	27th December	Minsterworth



Tuesday 24th December – Christmas Eve

4.00pm Crib Service Highnam

- Come dressed up as a nativity character

11.00pm Midnight Mass Highnam & Minsterworth



Wednesday 25th December – Christmas Day

10.00am Family Christmas Communion Taynton

Floral donations.

If anyone would like make a contribution towards the Christmas floral arrangements please see Christine Steadman or Sue Jones.

Bible Reading

Luke 3.1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,
‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
“Prepare the way of the Lord,
 make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled,
 and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
 and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” ’

Malachi 3.1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Philippians 1.3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God’s grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.