

Diary

Mon 17th Feb	9:00am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
	7:00pm	Living in Love and Faith at Highnam Academy
Wed 19th Feb	11.00am	Wedding at Highnam Church
Thurs 20th Feb	7.00pm	Choir practice at Highnam Church

Sunday 23rd February

10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion at Highnam Church
12.30pm	Baptism at Highnam Church

During our service on Sunday we will sing O Lord, All the World Belongs to You. Howard will be playing it before the service in case you don't know it very well. If you want to get ahead, you can see it on YouTube here: [RECESSIONAL HYMN - TURNING THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN/ORGAN POSTLUDE](#)

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

Sunday 16th February
3rd Sunday before 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 16th February - Today's Services

9.30am	Holy Communion	Minsterworth
11.00am	Holy Communion with Baptism	Highnam
3.00pm	Marriage Celebration Service	Highnam
5.00pm	Family Huddle	Highnam Academy

Bible Readings

Jeremiah 17.5-10

1 Corinthians 15.12-20

Luke 6.17-26



Collect

Eternal God,
whose Son went among the crowds
and brought healing with his touch:
help us to show his love,
in your Church as we gather together,
and by our lives as they are transformed
into the image of Christ our Lord.

Bible Readings

Jeremiah 17.5-10

Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals

and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.

They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green;

in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—

who can understand it?

I the Lord test the mind and search the heart,

to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

1 Corinthians 15.12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Luke 6.17-26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich,

for you have received your consolation.

'Woe to you who are full now,

for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now,

for you will mourn and weep.

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

Lent Lunches

There are now three 'at home' lunches planned in the benefice as well as a bigger event in the Old School, Highnam, on Sunday 16 March. It would be good to have one or two more lunches in the first two weeks of April. If anyone is interested in hosting a lunch then, please let me know. Many thanks, Jane

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You are invited to.....

A Service for the Celebration of Marriage

Sunday 16th February 2025 at 3pm
at Highnam Church

Followed by celebration refreshments

All welcome, whether married 5 mins or 5 decades!

