

Diary

Mon 10th Feb	9:00am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
	7:00pm	Living in Love and Faith at Highnam Academy
Wed 12th Feb	10.15am	TLC Bereavement Group at Trioscape
Thurs 13th Feb	9.00am	Wild Wanderings from Highnam Academy
	3.15pm	Sportily after school club - Highnam Academy
	4.30pm	Sportily Youth Sports Hub - Highnam Academy
	7.00pm	Choir practice at Highnam Church
Sat 15th Feb	11.00am	Wedding Rehearsal at Highnam Church

Sunday 16th February

9.30am	Holy Communion at Minsterworth Church
11.00am	Holy Communion with Baptism at Highnam Church
3.00pm	Celebration of Marriage service at Highnam Church
5.00pm	Family Huddle at Highnam Academy

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

Sunday 9th February 4th 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 9th February - Today's Services

9.30am	Holy Communion	Rudford
11.00am	Holy Communion	Taynton
11.00am	The 11 O Clock	Minsterworth
5.00pm	Taize	Highnam

Bible Readings

Isaiah 6.1-8 (9-end)

1 Corinthians 15.1-11

Luke 5.1-11



Collect

Lord of the hosts of heaven,
our salvation and our strength,
without you we are lost:
guard us from all that harms or hurts
and raise us when we fall;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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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Taize service - HIGHNAM CHURCH

2nd Sunday of the Month at 5pm

Starting 9th February 2025

Come for a service of song, and silence - a chance for contemplation and peaceful prayer in a busy world

All welcome

SING
TO THE
LORD



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!

'THANK YOU - THANK YOU - THANK YOU'

I am writing to say **"Thank you"** to all the residents who were able to support my three initiatives in 2024, namely the sale of 'firewood', 'plant troughs' and new for 2024, 'bird boxes', all in aid of Highnam Church.

The combined total raised for the whole of 2024 amounted to £1,562. Naturally sales of firewood will continue until around March 2025, and the sale of plant troughs will pick up around spring time. However it is never too early to put in an order for a trough, or more, in readiness for 'spring 2025'.

Once again thank you to everyone and lets see if we can reach the magic £2,000 in 2025.

Graham Hayles. 01452 422353

1 Corinthians 15.1-11

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Luke 5.1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Isaiah 6.1-8 (9-end)

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.'

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

And he said, 'Go and say to this people:
"Keep listening, but do not comprehend;
keep looking, but do not understand."

Make the mind of this people dull,
and stop their ears,
and shut their eyes,
so that they may not look with their eyes,
and listen with their ears,
and comprehend with their minds,
and turn and be healed.'

Then I said, 'How long, O Lord?' And he said:
'Until cities lie waste
without inhabitant,
and houses without people,
and the land is utterly desolate;
until the Lord sends everyone far away,
and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.
Even if a tenth part remains in it,
it will be burned again,
like a terebinth or an oak
whose stump remains standing
when it is felled.'

The holy seed is its stump.