

Diary

Mon 3rd March	9:00am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
	7.00pm	Living in Love and Faith at Highnam Academy
Wed 5th March	11.00am	Coffee and Communion at Rudford Church
	7pm	Ash Wednesday Service at Highnam Church

The A40 East will be closed in the evening of Ash Wednesday. There will be no access to/from Highnam Church to A40 via B4215. As far as we know access to the church itself will be unaffected, just access Highnam by a different route.

Thurs 6th March	9.00am	Wild Wanderings from Highnam Academy
	3.15pm	Sportily After school club at Highnam Academy
	4.30pm	Sportily Youth Sports Hub at Highnam Academy
	7.00pm	Choir practice at Highnam Church
	7.30pm	Deanery Synod

Sunday 9th March

9.30am	Holy Communion at Tibberton Church
11.00am	Holy Communion at Taynton Church
11.00am	The 11 O Clock at Minsterworth Church
5.00pm	Taize at Highnam Church

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

Sunday 2nd March

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 2nd March - Today's Services

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

Bible Readings

Exodus 34.29-end

2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2

Luke 9.28-36 (37-43a)



Collect

Holy God,
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your goodness
and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lent Lunches

Everyone is warmly invited to one or more of our simple bread and soup lunches in support of Christian Aid. You are welcome to drop in anytime between 12.00 and 2.00 on the following dates:

Date of Lunch	Host	Address
Thursday - 6 March	Fran & Dave Tolond,	1 Micklemead, Highnam
Friday - 21 March	Anna & David Ball	2 Beech Close, Highnam
Thursday - 27 March	Rita & Nigel Garbutt	Tudor Cottage, Minsterworth GL2 8JP. Tel: 750128 Turn right into narrow drive immediately before Oakle Street on A48

In addition, there will be a lunch after the 11:00 Eucharist on the Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday 16 March	From 12.30	Old School, Highnam
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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.

Mothering Sunday

Sunday 30th March 10am – Highnam Primary Academy

Café Church for all the Family

Informal service to celebrate all those who care for us with flowers, pastries and refreshments – ALL WELCOME!

Please note our service of Holy Communion will be held at 5pm in Highnam Church on this day



ATTITUDE TO LIFE

LENT GROUP 2025

Rev. Heather is running a Lent Group based on the Beatitudes (Matt. 5.3-10)

Come and reflect together on these 'eight radical sayings' and how they call us to *live* our faith as well as *believe* it.

Mondays at 1.30pm at Springfields, Lassington Lane, Highnam

10th, 17th, 24th, 31st March and 7th April

Coming Soon

Chris Gardner is preparing to convene a group to help us

Find Hope in a Time of Change and Anxiety

Watch this space for more info!



Tibberton and Rudford Churches would like to thank everyone who came and supported the curry evening on Friday. We made approximately £1300. Which will help with the extra expense we have occurred this year. Elizabeth and Pete

Luke 9.28-36 (37-43a)

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, 'Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It throws him into convulsions until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.' Jesus answered, 'You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.' While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

Exodus 34.29-end

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.