

Diary

Mon 31st March	9:00am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
	9.30am	Severn Bore at Minsterworth (Due at 10.11am)
	1.30pm	Lent Course at Springfields
Wed 2nd April	10.30am	Coffee and Communion at Rudford
Thurs 3rd April	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 5th April	10.00am	Churchyard working group at Highnam

Sunday 6th April

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

Geoff and Chris Crago would like to thank everyone who kindly send cards, gifts and offers of help as they moved house

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Find us on Facebook search for 'Highnam Church Life' or 'Tibberton Church'.



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



Sunday 30th March
Mothering Sunday



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 30th March - Today's Services

10.00am Café Church Highnam Academy
Informal service to celebrate all those who care for us with flowers, pastries and refreshments – ALL WELCOME!

5.00pm Said Holy Communion Highnam Church

Bible Readings

Joshua 5.9-12

2 Corinthians 5.16-end

Luke 15.1-3, 11-end

Collect

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord



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

31st March and 7th April

FLORAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR EASTER FLOWERS. - If you would like to make a contribution towards church flowers please see Christine Steadman or Sue Jones.

Sportily

Every Thursday during Term Time:

3.15-4.15pm - Afterschool Handball Club in Highnam School

4.30-5.30pm A Laugh in the Park - on Highnam Playing Field

6-7.30pm - Youth Hangout - in Highnam School

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HIGHNAM CHURCH INVITES YOU TO AN



EASTER GARDEN



Come and Celebrate with us the risen Christ
All Welcome

Help build the Easter Garden and take part in other Easter activities suitable for the whole family

Look out on our Facebook page 'Highnamchurchlife' for more information



Good Friday 18th April from 10am until 12 noon

Easter Sunday 20th April

5.45am Sunrise Service at Lassington Tower

A quiet service to greet the Easter dawn— followed by Breakfast

9.30am Easter Holy Communion at Minsterworth

11am Easter Holy Communion at Highnam

Followed by an Easter Egg hunt around the church

11am Easter Holy Communion at Rudford

Luke 15.1-3, 11-end

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

So he told them this parable:

Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."'

Joshua 5.9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

2 Corinthians 5.16-end

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.