

## Diary

Mon	21st Oct	9.00am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Wed	22nd Oct	9.00am	Wild Wanderings	Highnam Academy
Thur	24th Oct	9.00am	Collective Worship	Highnam Academy

### Sunday 27th October

**10.00am Benefice Holy Communion Minsterworth**



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**Christmas Choir has started rehearsals again.  
Highnam Church Every Thursday 7.00pm. Everyone  
welcome, no experience needed.**

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Or visit our website: [www.highnamchurch.org](http://www.highnamchurch.org)

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 20th October

## Harvest



*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 20th October - Today's Services

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

### Bible Readings

Joel 2.21-27  
1 Timothy 2.1-7  
Matthew 6.25-33



### Collect

Creator God,  
you made the goodness of the land,  
the riches of the sea  
and the rhythm of the seasons;  
as we thank you for the harvest,  
may we cherish and respect  
this planet and its peoples,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Harvest in the Benefice

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am at Minsterworth —Harvest  
11.00am at Highnam —Harvest

This year we will be collecting for the Lords Larder based in Newent. Please bring donations to the service.



Please do come to the community event, it would be great to have refreshment servers, and of course bulb planters but welcomers too - there really is something for everyone at this opportunity for outreach in the community. Please encourage friends, family and neighbours to come.

### **JOIN US FOR A BULB PLANTING EVENT AND BUILD YOUR OWN BIRD BOX!**

When: Saturday 19th October  
Where: HIGHNAM CHURCH  
From: 10am - 1pm



Who can participate:  
Everyone is welcome! There is no prior experience needed, and everything is provided, but please bring gloves and trowels  
Bird box kits £10

**FREE REFRESHMENTS.**

**We hope to see you there!**

*For more information please visit our Facebook Account  
Highnam Church Life*

## **All Souls Services**

Each year around the end of October we hold a special service to remember, by name, those we love but no longer see. It is an opportunity to join with others as we think of them and to light a candle in their memory.

**This year a special reflective service will be held at 3pm on Sunday  
3rd November in Highnam Church.**

Names of those who we have taken funeral services for over the last 2 years will be read out and other names may also be added. You and all your family are warmly invited to join us.

## **Save the Date—Sewing Seeds for the next Generation**

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## Bible Readings

### Joel 2.21-27

Do not fear, O soil;  
be glad and rejoice,  
for the Lord has done great things!  
Do not fear, you animals of the field,  
for the pastures of the wilderness are green;  
the tree bears its fruit,  
the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

O children of Zion, be glad  
and rejoice in the Lord your God;  
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,  
he has poured down for you abundant rain,  
the early and the later rain, as before.  
The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,  
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years  
that the swarming locust has eaten,  
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,  
my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,  
and praise the name of the Lord your God,  
who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never  
again be put to shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,  
and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.  
And my people shall never again  
be put to shame.

### 1 Timothy 2.1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,  
who gave himself a ransom for all  
—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

### Matthew 6.25-33

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.