

## Diary

Mon	18th Nov	9.00am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		6.00pm	Wedding Rehearsal	Highnam
Wed	20th Nov	7.00pm	Joint Benefice PCC	
Thur	21st Nov	9.00am	Wild Wanderings	Highnam Academy
		9.00am	Collective Worship	Highnam Academy
		10.00am	Rudford Retreats	Rudford
Fri	22nd Nov	11.00am	Wedding	Highnam
Sat	23rd Nov	10.30am	Marks Gospel Study	Rudford School rms

### Sunday 24th November—Christ the King

10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion	Highnam Church
12.30pm	Baptism	Minsterworth
2.30pm	Baptism	Highnam

### Walk Through Christingle at Highnam - A free pre-Christmas event for the whole family!

#### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December – 3.30pm to 4.30pm

- \* Walk through the fairy lights in the Dell to Highnam Church.
- \* Hear the Christingle story and make your own Christingle to take home.
- \* Activities to join in with
- \* Why not wear your Christmas hat or jumper?
- \* Refreshments available



Any donations will be sent to the Children's Society, to help their work with the most vulnerable children in the UK

### Contacts



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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 17th November

## Safeguarding 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 17th November - Today's Services

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

### Bible Readings

Psalm 91.1-4

Ephesians 5.8-13

John 13.34



### Collect

Heavenly Lord,  
 you long for the world's salvation:  
 stir us from apathy,  
 restrain us from excess  
 and revive in us new hope  
 that all creation will one day be healed  
 in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**A Statement from +Rachel and +Robert following the resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury (12th November 2024)**

“The Makin report on John Smyth makes sickening and sobering reading. That this level of abuse could be going on in the Church and other institutions, and knowingly by so many, is abhorrent and disturbs us to our core.

“As Bishops in the Church of England we are profoundly sorry for the hurt, the pain and the suffering which victims and survivors of John Smyth’s abuse have endured, and we are ashamed at the Church’s response to the allegations. We are also appalled that any clergy person could believe that covering up abuse was justified in the name of the Gospel.

“We agree with the Archbishop’s decision to resign, and hope that this goes some way in acknowledging the failures of the Church to act and respond to survivors and victims of this horrific abuse, while recognising that this can never undo the pain and impact on people’s lives.

“As Bishops we will continue to advocate for a process of satisfactory redress for victims and survivors of abuse and remain committed to creating a safer culture across our Diocese, and safeguarding the welfare of every child, young person and adult.

“We continue to pray for all whose lives continue to be impacted by the publication of the report and all that led to it becoming necessary”.

**‘Gloucester Cathedral tour day’ - Monday 9th December 11am**

Meet by reception in the cathedral at 11am for a guided highlights tour followed by an optional short said Communion Service in the Lady Chapel at 12.30. ( Tribune gallery visit for those not attending). We will then sit together for lunch, of your choice, in the Monk’s Kitchen before a short crypt tour finishing before 3pm.

Cost payable to the cathedral on entrance will be £8.00 for the tour and £6.00 for the crypt tour plus the cost of your lunch. Spaces limited to 12 persons.

Contact Nigel for further information or to confirm.

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**Mark's Gospel Study Group**

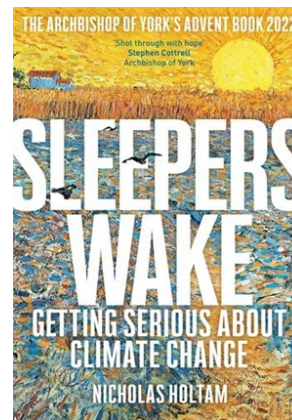
**Saturday 23rd November 10.30am-12noon (Coffee from 10am) Rudford School Room**

Join Rev. Heather for the final session focusing on Mark's gospel as we come to the end of our Year of Mark - all welcome (even if you haven't been to the others!)

Reminder - once more try and read the gospel through in one sitting!

Recycled Christmas cards will be on sale in Highnam Church

24th November after the service. 3 for £1 - In aid of church funds



**Advent House Group 2024 – Sleepers Wake by Bishop Nicholas Holtam**

For Advent this year we will be thinking about climate change using the Archbishop of York’s Advent Book from 2022. During his time as Bishop of Salisbury he was the Church of England’s lead bishop on the environment. The book offers a short passage on an aspect of the environment and climate change or a related issue for every day from Advent Sunday to Christmas Day.

The publishers – SPCK – have prepared some material to enable this book to be used by home groups meeting each week we will meet 4 times starting the week before

Advent Sunday. Each meeting will include a brief summary of the daily material for that week (so that you do not have to read the book) followed by the additional material from SPCK for that week and a time for discussion using some pertinent questions. The meetings will be at 10 Lassington Grove, Highnam, on a day and time to be determined which suits as many as possible. Contact Chris Gardner (01452 421013 / 07786 717206 / [cjgardner01@icloud.com](mailto:cjgardner01@icloud.com)) for more details.