

Diary

Mon	2nd Dec	9.00am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
		10.30am	Funeral	Rudford
		4.30pm	Highnam Standing Committee	Rectory
Wed	4th Dec	11.00am	Funeral	Taynton
		3.00pm	Tibberton Standing Committee	
Thur	5th Dec	9.00am	Wild Wanderings	Highnam Academy
Sat	7th Dec	10.00am	Churchyard Working Group	Highnam
		3.30pm	Christingle Trail	Highnam

Sunday 8th December - 2nd Sunday of Advent

9.30am	Holy Communion	Tibberton
11.00am	Holy Communion	Taynton
11.00am	The 11 O Clock	Minsterworth

Floral donations.

If anyone would like make a contribution towards the Christmas floral arrangements please see Christine Steadman or Sue Jones.

Highnam Church Clean.

We will be holding our next church clean on Saturday 30th November from 10 to 12am. If you are free, and are able to help, please join us during the course of the

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

Sunday 1st December

Advent 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 1st December - Today's Services

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

Bible Readings

Jeremiah 33.14-16

1 Thessalonians 3.9-end

Luke 21.25-36

Collect

Almighty God,
 as your kingdom dawns,
 turn us from the darkness of sin to the
 light of holiness,
 that we may be ready to meet you
 in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.



New Year New Gospel

As we reach Advent Sunday we leave the year of Mark behind and move into a year with Luke.

This year I repeatedly challenged the gospel study group to read Mark in a single sitting more like a novel.

Now I offer you all a new challenge! To start the year of Luke off with a bang – try to commit to reading one chapter a day from Luke’s gospel - every day until Christmas Eve. Luke’s Gospel makes a fabulous advent calendar – it has 24 chapters!

In the new year I’ll arrange meetings throughout the year to look at Luke as a whole and draw out some of his flavours and themes.

Happy Advent reading!

Rev. Heather

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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Recycled Christmas cards will be on sale in Highnam Church

This Sunday - 1st December, after the service

3 for £1 - In aid of church funds

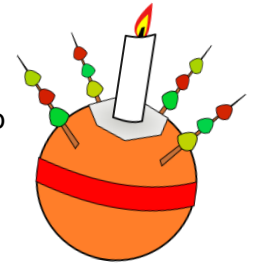
Walk Through Christingle at Highnam

A free pre-Christmas event for the whole family!

Saturday 7th 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



Saturday 14th December

Donkey Walk at Minsterworth



5.00pm Meet at Highcross (GL2 8JW) or park car at church and get a tractor ride back

5.30pm Walk begins. Follow the donkey and sing carols as we walk through the village to the church for mince pies and hot drinks

Carol Services



7.00pm	15th December	Taynton
7.00pm	19th December	Highnam
4.00pm	22nd December	Rudford
5.00pm	27th December	Minsterworth

Congregational Christmas card

Building on our Bronze award from Eco Church, we are introducing a congregational Christmas card this year. The reason for this is 2 fold, firstly we save valuable resources by not sending cards to people that we frequently see in church and secondly we raise money for charity. How it works - sign the Christmas card that you will find in church and make a donation in the monkey puzzle bowl that will be sent to the Childrens Society. Our thanks to Kath Cudby who kindly made the card for us and to John Grayson who made and carved the 2 new bowls you will see in church from the monkey puzzle we had felled earlier in the year.

If you want to know more about Eco Church please ask.

Helen Babbage - Church Warden

Bible Reading

Jeremiah 33.14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

1 Thessalonians 3.9-end

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Luke 21.25-36

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'