

## Diary

Mon	25th Nov	9.00am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Tues	26th Nov	10.30am	Funeral of Norma Wood	Highnam Church
Thur	28th Nov	9.00am	Wild Wanderings	Highnam Academy
Fri	29th Nov	11.30am	Funeral	Minsterworth

### Sunday 1st December - Advent Sunday

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

### Floral donations.

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

In aid of Highnam Church

## FIREWOOD FOR SALE

All wood seasoned and recycled

- Box of Logs - £6
- Box of Kindling - £10



Phone Graham on: 01452 422353  
Local deliveries available on larger orders

### Contacts



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For all other contact details please refer to the front page of the monthly Link;

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 24th November

## Christ the King



*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 24th November - Today's Services

10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion	Highnam
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### Bible Readings

Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14

Revelation 1.4b-8

John 18.33-37

### Collect

God the Father,  
help us to hear the call of Christ the King  
and to follow in his service,  
whose kingdom has no end;  
for he reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit,  
one God, one glory.

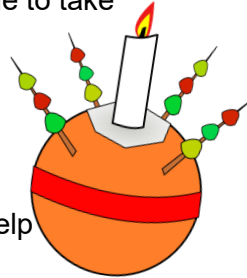


## Walk Through Christingle at Highnam A free pre-Christmas event for the whole family!

**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



Recycled Christmas cards will be on sale in Highnam Church  
24th November after the service. 3 for £1 - In aid of church funds

### '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.

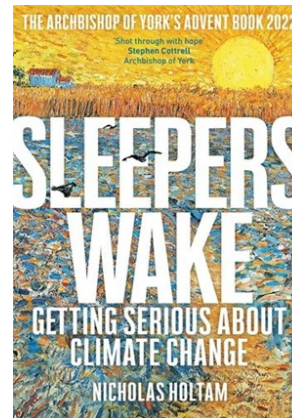
### Congregational Christmas card

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 then make a donation in the new 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. ( my plan is to leave that vague as it might just generate more conversation!!)

Helen Babbage - Church Warden



### **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.

## Bible Reading

### Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14

As I watched,  
thrones were set in place,  
and an Ancient One took his throne;  
his clothing was white as snow,  
and the hair of his head like pure wool;  
his throne was fiery flames,  
and its wheels were burning fire.  
A stream of fire issued  
and flowed out from his presence.  
A thousand thousand served him,  
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.  
The court sat in judgement,  
and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions,  
I saw one like a human being  
coming with the clouds of heaven.  
And he came to the Ancient One  
and was presented before him.  
To him was given dominion  
and glory and kingship,  
that all peoples, nations, and languages  
should serve him.  
His dominion is an everlasting dominion  
that shall not pass away,  
and his kingship is one  
that shall never be destroyed.

### Revelation 1.4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.  
Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.  
So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

### John 18.33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'