

Diary

Mon	17th March	9:00am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
		12 noon	Burial of Ashes at Minsterworth Church
		1.30pm	Lent Course at Spingfields
Wed	19th March	11.30am	Deanery Chapter Clergy Meeting at Highnam
		2.00pm	Burial of Ashes at Rudford
Thurs	20th March	2.00pm	Burial of Ashes at Highnam
		3.15pm	Sportily after school club - Highnam Academy
		4.30pm	Sportily Youth Sports Hub - Highnam Academy
		7.00pm	Choir practice at Highnam Church
Sat	22nd March	10-12noon	Fire Extinguisher Training at Highnam Church
Sun	23rd March	4.00pm	Steward Meeting at Highnam Church

Sunday 23rd March

10.00am Benefice Holy Communion at Minsterworth Church

Please Note: There will be no coffee served after the 11 o'clock service in Highnam this Sunday as we will be retiring to the Old School for a Lent lunch, we hope to see you there.

Chris and Geoff Crago moving house.

On Tuesday 18 March, Geoff and Chris are moving. Their new address will be: 7, The Range, Highnam, Gloucester GL2 8NL. Phone and email unchanged.

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

Sunday 16th March
Second Sunday of Lent



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 16th March - Today's Services

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

Bible Readings

Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18

Philippians 3.17-4.1

Luke 13.31-end



Collect

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's
sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lent Lunches

Everyone is warmly invited to one or more of our simple bread and soup lunches in support of Christian Aid. You are welcome to drop in anytime between 12.00 and 2.00 on the following dates:

Date of Lunch	Host	Address
Friday - 21 March	Anna & David Ball	2 Beech Close, Highnam
Thursday - 27 March	Rita & Nigel Garbutt	Tudor Cottage, Minsterworth GL2 8JP. Tel: 750128 Turn right into narrow drive immediately before

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

17th, 24th, 31st March and 7th April

Mothering Sunday

Sunday 30th March 10am – Highnam Primary Academy

Café Church for all the Family

Informal service to celebrate all those who care for us with flowers, pastries and refreshments – ALL WELCOME!

Please note our service of Holy Communion will be held at 5pm in Highnam Church on this day

Bible Readings

Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

Philippians 3.17-4.1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Luke 13.31-end

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'