

Diary

Mon 24th March	9:00am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
	1.30pm	Lent Course at Spingfields
	7.00pm	Joint PCC Meeting at Highnam Old School
Tues 25th March	11.30am	Burial of Ashes at Highnam Church
Thurs 20th March	9.00am	Wild wanderings from Highnam Academy
	9.00am	Collective Worship at Highnam Academy
	3.15pm	Sportily after school club - Highnam Academy
	4.30pm	Sportily Youth Sports Hub - Highnam Academy
	7.00pm	Choir practice at Highnam Church
Sat 29th March	10.00am	Church Cleaning at Highnam
Sunday 30th March	2.00pm	Baptism at Minsterworth Church
	5.00pm	Said Holy Communion at Highnam Church

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!

Highnam Church Cleaning - Our next session for cleaning will be held on Saturday 29th March from 10am til 12. If you are free and are able to join us, it would be lovely to see you.

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

Sunday 23rd March

Third 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 23rd March - Today's Services

10.00am Benefice Holy Communion Minsterworth

Bible Readings

Isaiah 55.1-9

1 Corinthians 10.1-13

Luke 13.1-9



Collect

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Bible Readings

Isaiah 55.1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

1 Corinthians 10.1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Luke 13.1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."'

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 Oakle Street on A48

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

24th , 31st March and 7th April