

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

Sunday 6th April 2025 – 5th Sunday of Lent

Services Today

9.30am	Holy Communion	Highnam
11am	Holy Communion	Rudford
5pm	Evening Prayer	Minsterworth

Bible Readings	Collect
Isaiah 43.16-21 Philippians 3.4b-14 John 12.1-8	Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Church Diary – what's on and what to pray for...

Mon	7 th April	9am	Morning Prayer on Zoom
		1.30pm	Lent Course at Springfields
Tues	8 th April	2pm	Parish Share Meetings
Wed	9 th April	9am	Collective Worship at Primary Academy
		10.15am	TLC Bereavement Group at Trioscape
		7.30pm	Baptism Buddies Meeting at the Rectory
Thurs	10 th April	9am	Wild Wanderings from Highnam Academy
		9am-12pm	Experience Easter for Highnam Academy at Highnam Church
		3.15pm	Sportily After School Club at Highnam Academy
		4.30pm	Sportily Laugh in the Park at Highnam Playing Fields
		6pm	Sportily Youth Hangout at Highnam Academy
		7pm	Choir Practice at Highnam Church

Services Next Sunday – Palm Sunday

10am	Benefice Holy Communion	Minsterworth
5pm	Taize - Reflective prayers and music	Highnam

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Isaiah 43.16-21

Thus says the Lord,
who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honour me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

Philippians 3.4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

John 12.1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'