

Save the date continued ...

**25<sup>th</sup> October** – Deanery Evensong at Cannington with the Dean of Wells preaching. This will be in the afternoon.

**A Moment of Prayer** Throughout 2026, you are invited to stop on Thursday evenings at 8:00pm and join in with the Moment of Prayer for our local communities, for those around us and for the world, or you may wish to say the Lord's Prayer.

**Candles for Ukraine** - Should you have any candles or stub ends of candles to donate, please pass them to Goathurst Church or bring them to the Benefice Office.

### Ministry Team

*The Ministry Team is here for everyone. If you would like prayer for yourself, or someone else, please do contact anyone on the list. Any of these people will be happy to talk to you, pray for you, add a name to the list in the Benefice News or send a prayer request round the prayer chain.*

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[www.quantockvillagesbenefice.org.uk/safeguarding](http://www.quantockvillagesbenefice.org.uk/safeguarding)

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# Benefice News



## Quantock Villages Benefice

***"Not just going to church,  
but being the church"***

Parishes of Aisholt, Enmore, Goathurst, Holford with Dodington, Kilve with Kilton & Lilstock, Nether Stowey, Over Stowey, Spaxton with Charlynch, and Strington



### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June – 3<sup>rd</sup> after Trinity

9:30am Holy Communion at Over Stowey

11:00am Holy Communion at Aisholt (BCP)

11:00am Morning Worship at Kilve

11:00am Morning Worship at Nether Stowey C Centre

11:00am Holy Communion at Strington

4:00pm Taizé Service at Enmore

6:30pm Evensong at Holford (BCP)

### Readings for 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity

**Romans 6.1b-11** *We are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus*

**Matthew 10.24-39** *Christ has come to bring division even among families*

### Collect for 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,  
you have broken the tyranny of sin  
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts  
whereby we call you Father:  
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,  
that we and all creation may be brought  
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Or*

God our saviour,  
look on this wounded world  
in pity and in power;  
hold us fast to your promises of peace  
won for us by your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

### Post Communion

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining  
and whose power we cannot comprehend:  
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,  
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear  
until we may look upon you without fear;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

## For our Prayers

**Baptisms and Weddings:** Please pray for those getting married this year and those looking to be baptised.

*Please note some people are asking for prayer but only wish their first name to be mentioned.*

**Please remember those who are sick or in need:**

**Those whom we keep in our prayers:**

**Please pray for the friends and families of those who have died recently:**

**Worldwide:** Refugees

**National:** On Father's Day we remember fathers, especially those who find this day difficult.

**Church:** For Sedgemoor Deanery in this time of uncertainty for parishes.

**Local:** Over Stowey, Spaxton and Strington

**With thanks:** For those called to be ordained

**Congratulations and all good wishes to Revd Stephen on his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June.**

## **Events this week**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>** - 9am Morning Prayer N. Stowey Church

- Quantock Food Bank collection at 11am

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>** - 7pm Deanery Synod at St Peter's, Williton

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>** - Celtic Morning Prayer at Goathurst

- Wednesday Club at Nether Stowey

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>** - 8pm a Moment of Prayer

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup>** - 10am Holy Communion NS Church Centre

- Spaxton Rainbow Café 10:30-12:30
- 10am - 11:15am Stay and Play at Goathurst

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>** - 10:30am Kilve Coffee Morning

**Funeral and celebration of the life of Enid Susan Berg**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July. Funeral service at 11.15am in Canford Crematorium (BS9 3UN) with a celebration of Sue's life at 12:30pm in St Augustine's Chapel, St Monica's Retirement Home (BS9 3PQ). Followed by lunch. Many will remember Sue, who spent several years of retirement in Nether Stowey with her husband Revd Paul Berg, before moving to Bristol. If you would like to go to the funeral let Alison in the office know, Brenda Smith has offered to share transport.

From 20th July, Steve Atkinson is cycling from London via Somerset to Lands' End. **He will call at The Church Centre on Fri. 24th July at 10am for Holy Communion followed by coffee and cake, before continuing his journey. Join us if you can.** Any donations received will go to the Deanery Mission Appeal.

### *Thought for the week:*

*"Faith goes up the stairs that love has built and looks out of the windows which hope has opened."*

*Charles Spurgeon*

## Next Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June – 4<sup>th</sup> after Trinity

9:30am Holy Communion at Holford (BCP)

11:00am Morning Worship at Enmore

11:00am Holy Communion at Nether Stowey Church

11:00am Morning Worship at Spaxton

11:00am Family Service at Strington

6:30pm Songs of Praise at Over Stowey (*drinks from 5:30pm*)

6:30pm Holy Communion at Goathurst (BCP)

## Readings for 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

**Romans 6.12-end** *From slave of sin to slaves of righteousness*  
**Matthew 10.40-end** *'Whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me'*

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## **In and around the benefice ...**

### **Regular Events**

**Over Stowey Coffee Morning:** Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 10:30am

**Goathurst Coffee Morning:** Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 11:00am

**Kilve Coffee Morning:** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 10:30am

**Goathurst Handbells** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays 4-5pm

**Praise and Worship Service at St Peter's Church, Combwich**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month @ 6.00pm. with Coffee and Cake afterwards. The next one is 12<sup>th</sup> July.

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### **Save the Date ...**

**BBC Songs of Praise for Father's Day** at 12:15pm

on 21<sup>st</sup> June will feature a local couple, Jeremy and Clare Wilson, talking about the adoption of their three children.

**'Picnic in the Park'** in Halswell grounds, Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>

June from 12.30pm. No tickets, pay Gill on the door @

Halswell - Adults £5.00, children free. Jazz Band, Bar, cakes, ice-creams. BYO picnic, chairs, rugs etc.

**Summer Songs of Praise Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June.**

in Over Stowey Church decorated for the occasion.

Drinks & nibbles at 5:30pm accompanied by live background music. Followed by Songs of Praise at 6:30pm.

All welcome.



**Deanery Pilgrimage Walk 18<sup>th</sup> July** from

noon, largely following the coastal path, and crossing all four of the benefices of the Deanery from St Decuman's Holy Well in Watchet to St Andrew's Holy Well in Stogursey. Bishop Fiona will be joining the walk.

**In-person Safeguarding Foundation Course -**

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 10:00am to 12:30pm led by Sarah King. Please book with Alison in the Office.

**The Barnacle Buoys at Goathurst An outdoor concert**

in the grounds of Halswell House. **Sat 22 Aug 2026 5pm-**

**7pm.** BYO picnic, chairs, blankets, tables, etc. Tickets £10,

children free. All proceeds go to: Children's Hospice South

West, RNLI and the Talk Club who support men's mental

health. A donation will also be made to Church funds

**Supporting our schools** - There is sure to be plenty of

fun and games at **Enmore School Fete on Fri. 3<sup>rd</sup> July** at

3:30pm and **Nether Stowey School Fayre on Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> July** in

The Park. Please support our schools.