

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. This collection is restarting this month. 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.

APCM: Dates for this year's church meetings which will be held in the relevant churches except for Kilve's meeting which will be in the Kilve Village Hall:

12th April - Over Stowey (10:30am), Stringston(12noon) and Aisholt (5 pm)

18th/19th – Kilve (Sat 18th at 10:30am), Nether Stowey (12noon) and Holford (5pm)

26th April – Enmore (12noon)

3rd May – Spaxton (5pm)

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

<https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/diocese/safeguarding/>



Quantock Villages Benefice

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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 12th April – 2nd Sunday of Easter

9:30am Holy Communion at Goathurst

9:30am Morning Worship at Over Stowey *followed by APCM*

11:00am Morning Worship at Nether Stowey CC

11:00am Holy Communion at Spaxton

11:00am Café Church Holford Village Hall *followed by APCM*

6:00pm Eastertide Celebration at Enmore

6:30pm Evensong at Aisholt *preceded by APCM at 5:00pm*

Holy Baptism at Enmore and at Over Stowey

Readings for 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2.14a,22-32 *Peter addresses the crowds, telling them of Christ's resurrection*

John 20.19-end *Jesus appears to the disciples, then Thomas*

Collect for 2nd Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father,

you have given your only Son to die for our sins

and to rise again for our justification:

grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness

that we may always serve you

in pureness of living and truth;

through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

or

Risen Christ,

for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:

open the doors of our hearts,

that we may seek the good of others

and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,

to the praise of God the Father.

Post Communion for 2nd Sunday of Easter

Lord God our Father,

through our Saviour Jesus Christ

you have assured your children of eternal life

and in baptism have made us one with him:

deliver us from the death of sin

and raise us to new life in your love,

in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,

by the grace of our Lord Jesus

Christ.



For our Prayers

Baptisms and Weddings: Please pray for Freddie and George being baptised this Sunday and for those getting married this year.

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: For peace worldwide

National: For the National Trust as they prepare for a new season of visit and especially Coleridge Cottage and all who work there.

Church: For the APCMs taking place in April and May

Local: The Parishes of Holford with Dodington, Kilve & Nether Stowey. For visitors to the Quantock Villages over Easter, local services and hospitality.

With thanks: for the visit of Bishop Michael

Events this week

Monday 13th - 9am Morning Prayer Nether Stowey Church

- Quantock Food Bank collection at 11am
- 11am Ministry Team Meeting

Tuesday 14th

Wednesday 15th - Celtic Morning Prayer at Goathurst

- Wednesday Club at Nether Stowey CC

Thursday 16th –Memorial Service for Pauline Benning in Over Stowey Church at 3:30pm

- 8pm a Moment of Prayer

Friday 17th - 10am Holy Communion NS Church Centre

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

Saturday 18th - 10:30am Over Stowey Coffee Morning

- Kilve APCM in the Village Hall at 10:30am



A huge thank you to everyone who assisted or supported Bishop Michael's visit on the benefice on the 2nd and 3rd April. It was lovely to meet with +Michael and share time and worship with him. Thank you.

In other news, Congratulations to Revd Kate Sax who has received her Permission to Officiate (PTO) licence which allows her to lead services following her retirement. Kate's initial wish is to take one service a month locally to Nether Stowey and a monthly Friday Holy Communion.

Thought for the week:

'Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said...' Mat.28:5,6

Next Sunday 19th April – 3rd of Easter

9:30am Holy Communion at Over Stowey (CW)

11:00am Holy Communion at Aisholt (BCP)

11:00am Morning Worship at Kilve

11:00am Morning Worship at Nether Stowey CC followed by APCM at 12:00noon

11:00am Holy Communion at Stringston

4:00pm Taizé service

6:30pm Evensong at Holford *Preceded by APCM at 5:00pm*

Banns to be read in Over Stowey and Kilve

Readings for 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2.14a, 36-41 Peter addresses the crowd; 3000 are baptised

Luke 24.13-35 Jesus meets Cleopas and his friend on the way to Emmaus

In and around the benefice ...

Regular Events

Holford Coffee Morning: Saturday 4th April 10:00am

Over Stowey Coffee Morning: Saturday 18th April 10:30am

Goathurst Handbells 1st & 3rd Saturdays 2-3:00pm

Save the Date ...



The Somerset Coast Rock Choir

East Quantoxhead Village Hall at 2pm on

April 25th Led by Mike Amis. £5, refreshments will be served. Proceeds to East Quantoxhead Church.

Finding a way Forward – a gathering of PCCs and congregations to think about the way ahead. **Saturday 16th May 2026 in Nether Stowey Church Centre starting at 9:30am and finishing with a light lunch at**

1:00pm. Please do save the date and come and let your voice be heard. We'll be thinking about celebrating our Benefice, looking forward in hope and then joining it all up and asking what our priorities are.

On Wednesday 15th April in Nether Stowey Church Centre from 7pm to 7:30pm we will be having a time of prayer for this event. All are welcome.



Deanery Music Weekend from 5th-7th June 2026.

There will be musical events through the Deanery. Please save the date and more details will follow.

Harmonia Chamber Choir are giving a concert in the Nether Stowey Church Centre on Saturday 16th May at 7pm. Tickets are £8 from Sue Pow – telephone 01278 662755 or email: harmoniabridgwater@gmail.com

Praying in daily life 14th & 21st May, 3rd & 11th June

a series of four 75-minute sessions exploring different approaches to prayer. For details and to register an interest, contact Rev'd Eleanor.

Heart for India Sat 30th May Victor & friends will be at the Church Centre for lunch and a talk. Please come and support them. All welcome. Please let Jennifer 733007 or Miriam 733800 know if you would like lunch.