

Save the date continued ...

A new series of free poetry readings at Coleridge Cottage, Nether Stowey starting Wednesday 22nd July at 1pm - and every Wednesday till the end of October. Please speak to Michael for more information.

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

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



Quantock Villages Benefice

Find Quantock Villages Benefice on Facebook for more information and updates as well as to see photos from past events

<https://www.facebook.com/qv.benefice>

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 Stringston



Sunday 23rd August – 12th after Trinity

9:30am Holy Communion at Holford (BCP)

11:00am Morning Worship at Enmore

11:00am Holy Communion Nether Stowey Church

11:00am Morning Worship at Spaxton

3:00pm Pet Service at Over Stowey

6:30pm Holy Communion at Goathurst (BCP)

Banns to be read at Spaxton

Readings for the 12th Sunday after Trinity

Romans 12.1-8 *Present your bodies as holy, for we are members together*

Matthew 16.13-20 *Peter declares Jesus to be the Messiah*

Collect for 12th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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 of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: Places suffering as a result of earthquakes

National: For safety on rail, road and motorway

Church: The Deanery Mission Project and the Salvation Army

Local: Holford with Dodington, Kilve with Kilton & Lilstock, Nether Stowey. For farmers and growers

With thanks: for the rain. For the arrival of baby Archie, Grandson of Tim Webster.

Events this week

NS CHURCH CENTRE IS CLOSED ALL WEEK. Benefice Office is open

Monday 24th - 9am Morning Prayer N. Stowey Church

- Quantock Food Bank collection at 11am

Tuesday 25th

Wednesday 26th - Celtic Morning Prayer at Goathurst

- Wednesday Club summer break until 9th Sep

Thursday 27th - 8pm a Moment of Prayer

Friday 28th - 10am Holy Communion NS Church Centre

- Spaxton Rainbow Café 10:30-12:30pm

Following **the passing of Nick Wright**, there will be Service of Thanksgiving for Nick's life at 2.00pm on Friday 18th September, followed by teas in the Church Centre. All are welcome.

Last weekend, along with others, I received a letter from Bishop Fiona concerning the farmers and asking us to show our support for them. If you know a farmer, please do reassure them of the church's prayers for them. Bishop Fiona mentions that help that can be found through the FCN – Farming Community Network and there is a short video on their website which is worth watching: [Farming Community Network - Farming Community Network](#) (please click on this link) or use FCN in google. The video is half way down the home page.

Thought for the week:

I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,
and in his word I put my hope.
Psalm 130:5

Next Sunday 30th August – 13th after Trinity

11:00am Benefice Service of Holy Communion at Spaxton

Readings for the 13th Sunday after Trinity

Romans 12.9-21 *Let love be genuine; overcome evil with good*

Matthew 16.21-28 *Jesus predicts his death; 'Take up your cross'*

In and around the benefice ...

Goathurst Coffee Morning: Tuesday 25th August 11:00am

Kilve Coffee Morning: Sat 29th August 10:30am

Enmore Coffee and Book Borrowing: Sat 5th Sep 11am

Holford Coffee Morning: Sat 5th Sep 10:00am

Goathurst Handbells 1st & 3rd Sats 4-5pm

Praise and Worship Service at St Peter's Church,

Combwich 13th September @ 6.00pm with Coffee and Cake afterwards.

Save the Date ...

The Barnacle Buoys at Goathurst. An outdoor concert in the grounds of Halswell House. **Sat 22 Aug 2026 5pm-7pm.** Bar available. BYO picnic, chairs, blankets etc. Tickets £10, children free. Proceeds to: Children's Hospice Southwest, RNLI and the Talk Club. A donation will also be made to Church funds. Tickets on the gate or <https://buytickets.at/thebarnaclebuoys/2252284>

Pet Service at Over Stowey Church on Sunday 23rd

August at 3pm, in the churchyard, weather permitting. The service will be followed by a cream tea. We look forward to welcoming all animals great and small, and their people too of course.



Heritage Open Days in Goathurst 19th-20th

September from 12 noon -5pm. Come and explore the unique heritage in the village. Entry is free. Refreshments available at the church and at the Temple of Pan. Further details at <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting>

Flourishing in a multi-parish benefice a deanery quiet study day. Thursday 17th September at Hill House from 10am -4pm including lunch. Led by the Rev'd Sharon Roberts. All welcome. For further details and to book your place, please contact Andrew Tatham Andrew.tatham1949@gmail.com



A big thank you to Martin Stacey for treating us to a splendid Organ Recital in Nether Stowey last Friday. A very enjoyable evening and £300 raised – thank you to everyone who supported the event.

Foundation (Church) Governor vacancy for Nether Stowey School. If you are interested in finding out more about this important role, please do ask Revd Eleanor.