

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 5th April – Easter Day

6:45am Easter Sunrise Service, The Mount, Nether Stowey

9:30am Holy Communion for Easter Day at Enmore

9:30am Morning Worship for Easter Day at Goathurst

9:30am Holy Communion for Easter Day at Kilve with Holford

9:30am Morning Worship for Easter Day at Over Stowey

11:00am Holy Communion for Easter at Aisholt

11:00am Holy Communion for Easter, Nether Stowey Church

11:00am Morning Worship for Easter Day at Spaxton

3:30pm Celebration for Easter Day at Strington

Banns to be read in Kilve

Readings for Easter Day

Acts 10.34-43 Peter testifies to Christ crucified and risen

John 20.1-18 or **Matthew 28.1-10** The empty tomb: Mary Magdalene meets the risen Lord

Collect for Easter Day

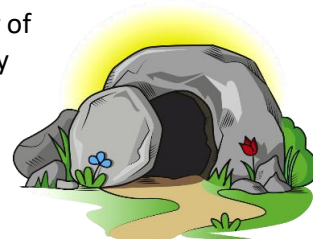
Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.

or

God of glory, by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Post Communion for Easter Day

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only begotten Son to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of
our enemy: grant us so to die daily
to sin, that we may evermore live
with him in the joy of his risen
life; through Jesus Christ our
Lord.



For our Prayers

Baptisms and Weddings: Please pray for those getting married this year, and for 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: NATO and the leaders of nations.

National: For emergency service workers over the holidays. For families struggling to make ends meet.

Church: Those preparing and leading Easter services and activities, that the Holy Spirit may inspire us afresh and strengthen us in mission and service.

Local: The Parishes of Aisholt, Enmore and Goathurst. For visitors to the Quantock Villages over Easter, local services and hospitality.

With thanks: For the dawn of every new day. For family and friends, the joy of sending and receiving Easter cards and messages of love, and for modern systems of communication that bring loved ones close, even if far away.

Events this week

Monday 6th - 9am Morning Prayer Nether Stowey Church
- Quantock Food Bank collection at 11am
- 10am - 4pm Easter Fair at Kilve Court

Tuesday 7th

Wednesday 8th - Celtic Morning Prayer at Goathurst
- No Wednesday Club this week

Thursday 9th - 8pm a Moment of Prayer

Friday 10th - 10am Holy Communion NS Church Centre
- Spaxton Rainbow Café 10:30-12:30
- 10am - 11:15am Stay and Play at Goathurst

Saturday 11th - 10:30am Nether Stowey Coffee Morning



A huge thank you to all who have delivered Easter cards this year. It has been a wonderful effort.

A huge thank you too to everyone who took part in the Experience Easter Workshops for schools this year. It was great to have a team of 13 people, and we told the story of Holy Week and Easter Story to over 70 children!

Thought for the week:

Easter is to our faith what water is to the ocean, what stone is to the mountain, what blood is to your body.

Next Sunday 12th April – 2nd 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*

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

Banns to be read in 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

In and around the benefice ...

Regular Events

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

Nether Stowey Coffee Morning: Saturday 11th April 10:30am

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

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

Save the Date ...



Easter Fair at Kilve Court on Easter Monday, 6th April, 10am-4pm. Celebrating its 30th anniversary this year!

Antiques, collectible, jewellery, crafts, local produce. Coffee/afternoon teas/ light lunches/ cakes. Free Parking. Admission £1 or your donation.



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 in the planning for the time ahead. We'll be thinking about celebrating our Benefice, looking forward in hope and then joining it all up and asking what our priorities are.

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.

