

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.

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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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 8th March – Lent 3

9:30am Holy Communion at Goathurst

9:30am Morning Worship at Over Stowey

11:00am Holy Communion at Nether Stowey (in Church)

11:00am Holy Communion at Spaxton

11:00am Café Church in Holford Village Hall

3:30pm Evensong at Aisholt

Readings for the third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17.1-7 *Moses strikes the rock and water flows from it at Rephidim*

John 4.5-42 Jesus meets the Samaritan woman by the well at Sychar

Collect for the third Sunday of Lent

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only
God;
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: Rachel, Margaret, Abi, Nick, Kev, and David.

Those whom we keep in our prayers: Nathan, Esme Salvidge, Felix, Garth and Kathleen Rogers, Doreen Cole, Richard Gulliver, Patricia Ford, Maureen Anderson, David James, Doreen Walker, Rosie Chesterton, Barbara Daniels, Bablu, and others known to us.

Please pray for the friends and families of those who have died recently: Nigel Pearce, Norman Pinn, Bruce Porter.

Worldwide: The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East. Peace in the World.

National: Archbishop Sarah

Church: Diocesan Synod, meeting on 14th March

Local: Over Stowey, Spaxton with Charlynch, and Strington

With thanks: On this International Women's Day, we give thanks for women everywhere

This Week's Events

Monday 9th - 9:00am Morning Prayer Nether Stowey Church

- Quantock Food Bank collection at 11:00am
- Lent Group 2pm-3:30pm, Prior's Farm, Strington. Contact Sally Bult 07748 307105

Tuesday 10th - 12:30pm Goathurst Lent Lunch at Andersfield Contact Clare Kippen (671542)

- 3pm PCC Kilve

Wednesday 11th - Celtic Morning Prayer at Goathurst

- Wednesday Club Nether Stowey Church Centre
- Lent Group 2:30pm, Spaxton, at Wulf and Carol's home. Contact the Office.
- 6:30pm PCC Over Stowey
- Lent Group 7pm-8:30pm Nether Stowey Church Centre. Contact Rev'd Eleanor 734777 or Office

Thursday 12th - 8pm A Moment of Prayer

- 7:30pm Deanery Singers Practice at Church Centre

Friday 13th - 10am Holy Communion in Church Centre

- 10am-11:15am Stay and Play at Goathurst
- Spaxton Rainbow Café 10:30-12:30
- 12:30 Nether Stowey Lent Lunch, Church Centre

Saturday 14th - 3pm Enmore Church Mothering Sunday celebration with afternoon tea

- Nether Stowey Coffee Morning 10:30am

Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance Over the last couple of years about £11,400 has been raised in the Quantock Deanery for the Air Ambulance - £2,016 on Steve's charity cycle ride from John O'Groats to Margate; a massive £5,392 from the Deanery Mission Appeal; and about £4,000 sent direct to the Air Ambulance. Thank you all for your support.

Congratulations! to Mr Terry Luke on his appointment as Headteacher at Nether Stowey School. We wish him well in his new role.

Next Sunday 15th March - Mothering Sunday

9:30am Morning Worship for Mothering Sunday, Over Stowey

10:00am Morning Worship for Mothering Sunday, Holford

11:00am Holy Communion at Aisholt (BCP)

11:00am Morning Worship for Mothering Sunday, Kilve

11:00am Morning Worship for Mothering Sunday, Nether Stowey Church Centre

11:00am Morning Worship for Mothering Sunday, Spaxton

11:00am Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday, Strington

Readings for Mothering Sunday TBC

***Either** Exodus 2:1-10 Moses is rescued from the reeds by Pharaoh's daughter and brought up as her son.*

***Or** 1 Sam 1:20-end Hannah gives birth to Samuel and offers him to the Lord's service in the Temple.*

***Either** Luke 2:33-35 Simeon predicts that a sword will break Mary's heart.*

***Or** John 19:25b-27 From the cross, Jesus gives Mary into John's care.*

In and around the benefice ...

Regular Events

Nether Stowey Coffee Morning: Saturday 14th March

10:30am

Over Stowey Coffee Morning: Saturday 21st March 10:30am

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

Save the Date ...

Enmore Church Mothering Sunday Celebration at 3pm on Saturday 14th March, with afternoon tea.



A visit from the Bishop of Bath and Wells.

Bishop Michael is planning to walk the Coleridge Way in Holy Week and will be visiting Nether Stowey on Maundy Thursday and into Good Friday (2nd and 3rd of April). He is keen to meet as many people as possible. We very much look forward to seeing him. Further information to follow.



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.



Thought for the week: The best way to show that a stick is crooked is not to argue about it or to spend time denouncing it, but to lay a straight stick alongside it. D. L. Moody