

Save the date continued ...

18th July from about noon - Deanery Pilgrimage Walk – 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 with various stops on the way. Bishop Fiona will be joining the walk.

25th 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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<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 24th May – Pentecost

9.30am Holy Communion at Holford

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 Holy Communion at Goathurst

Holy Baptism at Over Stowey

Readings for Pentecost

Acts 2.1-21 *The Holy Spirit comes at Pentecost and Peter addresses the people*

John 20.19-23 *Jesus appears to the disciples and says ‘Peace be with you’*

or John 7.37-39 *‘Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink’*

Collect for Sunday 24th May

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Or

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through 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: For the Ebola outbreak (Africa Day 25th May)

National: For God's wisdom and guidance in UK politics.

Church: For all who minister across our diocese, lay and ordained.

Local: Holford with Dodington, Kilve with Kilton & Lilstock, Nether Stowey. For children, young people, families and teachers this half term

With thanks: For the prospect of warmer weather

Events this week

Monday 25th - Spring Bank Holiday

- No 9am Morning Prayer Nether Stowey Church
- Quantock Food Bank collection at 11am

Tuesday 26th

Wednesday 27th - Celtic Morning Prayer at Goathurst

- No Wednesday Club at Nether Stowey
- 11am Funeral of Siobhan Ryan at Over Stowey

Thursday 28th - 8pm a Moment of Prayer

Friday 29th - 10am Holy Communion NS Church Centre

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

Church Centre booking arrangements

Following Pat Stacey's retirement last Sunday, please contact Barbara Beer to make bookings for the Church Centre. With many thanks Eleanor

Deanery Mission Project - Sam Searle from this year's Project, the Salvation Army, will be speaking at the Benefice Service in Nether Stowey on Sunday 31st May at 11:00am. Sam Searle runs the Watchet Salvation Army corps, which provides supplies for homeless people across West Somerset things like blankets, duvets, towels, mugs and thermos flasks – even tents. Come and hear the latest news!

Thought for the week:

O Lord, you will ordain peace for us,
for indeed, all that we have done, you have
done for us.

Isaiah 26.12

Next Sunday 31st May – Trinity Sunday

9.30am Holy Communion at Over Stowey

11.00am Benefice Service at Nether Stowey Church Centre with speaker, Sam Searle

(Coffee and pastries from 10:15 – 10:45. Coffee and cake at the end of the service)

Readings for Trinity Sunday

2 Corinthians 13.11-end *'The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.'*

Matthew 28. 16-20 *The great commission: 'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations ...'*

In and around the benefice ...

Regular Events

Goathurst Coffee Morning: Tuesday 26th May 11am

Kilve Coffee Morning: Sat 30th May 10:30am

Holford Coffee Morning: Saturday 6th June 10am

Enmore Coffee and Book Borrowing: Saturday 6th June 11am

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

Praise and Worship Service at St Peter's Church, Combwich
2nd Sunday of the Month @ 6.00pm. with Coffee and Cake afterwards. The next one is 14th June

Save the Date ...

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.

Praying in daily life 3rd & 11th June The third and fourth of a series of 75-minute sessions exploring different approaches to prayer. For details, please contact Rev'd Eleanor.



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

There will be musical events throughout the Deanery. More details are available on the Posters and booklets. Please book with Alison in the Office if you plan to come to the starred events.

Folk on Friday with Glyn and Keith at 7.30pm on Friday 19th June. BYOB+glasses+friends. Free entry. Optional leaving donation for Church Centre upkeep.

In-person Safeguarding Foundation Course – Saturday 25th July at 10:00am to 12:30pm led by Sarah King. Please book with Alison in the Office.

The Floral Cascade Returns!



Come and join us for tea and cake at St Mary's in Kilve to celebrate the return of the floral cascade from 3- 4pm on Saturday 6th June. This wonderful village creation still includes hundreds of flowers made by current Kilve residents and quite a number by people who are sadly no longer with us, so it's a little bit of history for us all to enjoy. Come along and take a look and enjoy a chat and some refreshments too.