A series of free poetry readings at Coleridge Cottage, Nether Stowey at 1:00pm 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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Revd. Stephen Campbell 01278 741329
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Readers:

Sarah Upfield	**01278 671539**
Viv Chesterton	**01278 733568**
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This Benefice takes Safeguarding seriously and follows the Diocesan Safeguarding policy, which includes the Church of England Policy on Safeguarding. If you have any concerns, please check the church notice boards for the full policy and a list of parish safeguarding officers, or the benefice website
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 25th October Last after Trinity – Bible Sunday

British Summer Time ends. Don't forget to put your clocks back!

10:30am Benefice Service of Holy Communion at Nether Stowey with Archdeacon Simon, followed by a Bring and Share Lunch in the Church Centre

3:00pm Choral Evensong at Cannington with the Dean of Wells preaching

Readings for Bible Sunday

Colossians 3.12-17 *Let peace rule; be clothed with love, sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs*
Matthew 24.30-35 *The Son of Man comes in the clouds; parable of the fig tree*

Collect for Bible Sunday

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
or
Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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: The United Nations

N**ational:** Those who live with long term disability, chronic pain and limitations.

Church: For Archdeacon Simon's visit this week.

Local: Holford with Dodington, Kilve with Kilton & Lilstock, Nether Stowey

With thanks: Our winged visitors this autumn and the pattern of murmurations above us.

Events this week

Monday 26th - 9am Morning Prayer at N Stowey Church
- Quantock Food Bank collection

Tuesday 27th - Benefice Treasurers mtg. with Archdeacon Simon 4:30-5:30pm at Church Centre
- 6:30-8:00pm Churchwardens mtg. with Archdeacon Simon at Church Centre

Wednesday 28th - Celtic Morning Prayer at Goathurst
- No Wednesday Club at Nether Stowey

Thursday 29th - 8pm a Moment of Prayer
- 7:30pm Deanery Singers rehearsal NS CC

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

Saturday 31st - 11:00am Burial of Ashes at Nether Stowey
- 1:30pm Wedding of Natalie and Ross at Nether Stowey

Many congratulations to Mike Hodson who has been elected to General Synod as a lay member for the Diocese of Bath & Wells

Quantock Foodbank are appealing for Volunteers help is needed to sort and organise food donations, prepare food parcels and pantry supplies, to drive and/or crew the pantry van. Please get in touch to find out more or arrange a chat. quantockfoodbank@gmail.com 07483815122

Are you looking to be Confirmed? There is to be a Confirmation service at St Audries Church West Quantoxhead on Sunday 29th November with Bishop Nigel Stock. If you are interested in being confirmed, please speak to Revd Eleanor.

Next Sunday 1st November- All Saints

9:30am Family Worship at Goathurst
9:30am Morning Worship at Holford
11:00am Patronal Matins at Aisholt (BCP)
11:00am Holy Communion at Enmore
11:00am Holy Communion at Kilve
11:00am Morning Worship at Nether Stowey
4:00pm Evensong at Over Stowey (BCP)
5:00pm Evensong at Spaxton (BCP)

Readings for All Saints

1 John 3.1-3 *We are God's children now and we shall see him as he is*
Matthew 5.1-12 *'Blessed are you…' (The Beatitudes)*

All Souls' Services

3:30pm St Edward's Church, Goathurst
3:30pm St Mary's Church, Nether Stowey
3:30pm St Mary's Church, Kilve
Readings are as in the Service Sheet

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In and around the benefice …

Kilve Coffee Morning: Saturday 24th Oct 10:30am
Goathurst Coffee Morning: Tuesday 27th Oct 11:00am
Goathurst Handbells: 1st & 3rd Saturdays 4-5pm
Praise & Worship Service at St Peter's Church, Combwich 8th November @ 6.00pm with Coffee & Cake.

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Save the Date …

Autumn Lunch fundraiser on Wednesday 4th November at Priors Farm, Stringston. 12:30 for 1pm, two courses, cost by donation. Please let Sally know by Sunday 1st Nov. if you would like to attend. sallybult@live.co.uk

An in-person **Safeguarding Foundation training course** will be held in the Nether Stowey Church Centre on Saturday 7th November from 10:00am to 12:30pm. Please book with Alison if you would like to attend.

The Rural Forum 2026 - Monday 9th November at Bagley Baptist Church. Focussing on pilgrimage, our keynote speaker is Revd Sally. This is a free event, includes lunch and is open to all. To book your place - please register via the online form linked here ***by 30th October*** Places going fast!

Goathurst Quiz Saturday 21st November at 7.30pm, (not 14th as advertised). Teams of 4. Enter by emailing gmodley@yahoo.co.uk £16.00 per team, payment on the door please. BYOD. Teas & coffees available. Raffle.

All Souls Services Sunday 1st November at 3:30pm in Goathurst, Kilve and Nether Stowey, during which we take a moment to remember loved ones who have died during the past year, or longer ago. If you would like the name of your loved one read out, please contact Revd Eleanor (734777), or the Benefice Office (732855) or pass the name to one of the Churchwardens ***by 30th October.***

Thought for the week:
For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. Ecclesiastes 3.1