

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
3rd May – Spaxton (5pm)

Harmonia Chamber Choir are giving a concert in the Nether Stowey Church Centre on Saturday 16th May at 7pm. Tickets are £8 from Sue Pow – telephone 01278 662755 or email: harmoniabridgwater@gmail.com

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 3rd May – 5th Sunday of Easter

9:45am Family Worship and Rogation walk at Goathurst meeting at Haswell House

9.30am Morning Worship at Holford

11.00am Matins at Aisholt (BCP)

11:00am Holy Communion at Enmore

11:00am Holy Communion at Kilve

11:00am Morning Worship at Nether Stowey (CC)

5:00pm Evensong at Spaxton

6:30pm Evensong at Over Stowey

Banns at Over Stowey

Readings for 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 7.55-60 *The stoning of Stephen*

John 14.1-14 *'In my Father's house there are many dwelling places'*

Collect for 5th Sunday of Easter

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Or

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

Post Communion for 5th Sunday of Easter

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

For our Prayers

Baptisms and Weddings: Please pray 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 peace in the Middle East

National: For the local elections, those presiding over them and the candidates.

Church: For the APCMs taking place in May

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

With thanks: For the emergency services

Events this week

Monday 4th - Early Spring Bank Holiday

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

Tuesday 5th

Wednesday 6th - Celtic Morning Prayer at Goathurst

- Wednesday Club at Nether Stowey CC

Thursday 7th - 8pm a Moment of Prayer

Friday 8th - 10am Holy Communion NS Church Centre

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

Saturday 9th - 10:30am Nether Stowey Coffee Morning

- Visiting ringers at Holford 1:30pm and Nether Stowey 2:40pm



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 1:30pm.

Please do come and let your voice be heard.

Please sign up on the sheets in churches if you're coming and we can set tables out and prepare for refreshments and lunch.

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

Sunday 10th May – 6th of Easter - Rogation

9:30am Holy Communion at Goathurst

9.30am Holy Communion at Over Stowey

11.00am Holy Communion at Nether Stowey (Church)

11:00am Holy Communion at Spaxton

11:00am Café Church at Holford Village Hall

6:30pm Evensong at Aisholt

Banns at Over Stowey

Readings for 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 17.22-31 *Paul speaks of the 'unknown God' in front of the Areopagus*

John 14.15-21 *'If you love me, you will keep my commandments'*

In and around the benefice ...

Regular Events

Holford Coffee Morning: Saturday 2nd May 10:00am – *all proceeds to Strington Church this month*

Enmore Book Swap: Saturday 2nd May

Nether Stowey Coffee Morning: Saturday 9th May 10:30am

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

Save the Date ...

Praying in daily life 14th & 21st May & 3rd & 11th June

A series of four 75-minute sessions exploring different approaches to prayer. For details and to register an interest, please contact Rev'd Eleanor.

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.

Sunday 31st May Sam Searle from this year's Deanery Project, the Salvation Army, supporting the homeless in West Somerset, will be speaking at the Benefice Service in Nether Stowey. Do come along if you would like to know more about the project and how you can help.



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

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

Thought for the week:

Trust in the Lord withal your heart, and lean not on your own understanding

Proverbs 3:5