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For Nether Stowey & Over Stowey

Messenger 50p



This Memory quilt has been made from remnants of a man's various shirts, by a very experienced quilter of Quantock Quilters. The quilt has been made in memory of Brian Cable who passed away in July 2025



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Welcome to the April edition which is bringing some brighter, Spring-like days!

Do you have an announcement or item of interest to share with others in the villages? If so, let us know—the deadline for items is usually the 15th of the preceding month.

Best wishes from the QM team

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Quantock Tennis Club

Robin Bendall 732 633

Royal British Legion - N/Stowey & District

Viki Fielder 238 691

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Helen Cuttell 734 818

Stowey Bears (pre-school)

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Stowey Book Club

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Stowey Gardeners

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Roy Osborne 734604

stoweygreenspaces@stowey.org.uk

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Lynne Abbott 732 228

Thomas Poole Library, Nether Stowey

Sian Stafford 07734 968940

Wednesday Club Barbara 732412 or

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COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

Police (emergency: 999 or non-emergency: 101)

Email somwestnptsedgemoor@avonandsomerset.pnn.police.uk
PCSO Supervisor Lora Bray—7528@avonandsomerset.police.uk
PCSO Finlay Wallace
Jake Dade (Hinkley issues only) @avonandsomerset.police.uk

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Vandalism on the Quantock Hills call **101**

Household noise problems (Environmental Health) call **0845 408 2540**

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Reception 01278 732696 8am - 6:30pm (Mon-Fri)
Dispensary 01278 733385 10am - 11.30am & 4pm - 5pm (Mon-Fri)
Dispensary Collection 10am - 12pm & 4 - 6pm (Mon-Fri)
somicb.quantock.mc@nhs.net
<https://quantockmedicalcentre.gpsurgery.net>

Cannington Health Centre (if closed call NHS on 111)

Reception 01278 652 335 Prescription line 01278 651 311

Other Community Facilities

Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline 03454 040506

The Thomas Poole Library 07734 968940 (Mon & Wed 10-1, Thurs 3.30 - 6.30, Fri 10-1 & 2-5 and Sat 10-1)

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quantockhills@somerset.gov.uk

Community Car Scheme Stowey Shuttle - 07943 923742

Village Agent: Sarah Bennet, 07985 680269,

DIARY DATES 2026

Every Monday (except Bank Holidays) - Toddler Storytime - 11am - TPL

2nd & 4th Monday each month - Quantock Quilters - 10am - 1pm - NSCC

Every Tuesday - Stowey Singers all welcome 6.45pm - 8.15pm at NSCC

Every Tuesday - Stowey Walking

Every Tuesday - Short Mat Bowls 2 - 5pm - £4 session, annual subs £20 - NSCC

1st and 3rd Tuesday each month - SGSG (Stowey Green Spaces) work groups 2.30pm - 4.30 pm

2nd Tuesday each month - SGSG meeting 2.30pm

Every Wednesday - Nether Stowey Wednesday Club 10am - 2pm - NSCC

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month - Evening talk at the Library 7.30pm - 9pm - TPL

1st Wednesday of the month - IT drop in session - 10.30am - 12 noon - TPL

Every Thursday - Chess Time at the Library - 5pm - 6.30pm - TPL

1st & 3rd Thursday each month - Art Group - 2pm - 4pm - NSCC

Every 2nd Thursday each month - Nether Stowey & Fiddington WI - 2pm

Every 3rd Thursday - Stowey Gardeners - 7.30pm - NSCC

Every Friday - Knit & Natter - 10:30am - 12:00 noon - TPL

Last Friday of the Month - Library Book Group - 2.30pm - 3.30pm - TPL

Every Saturday - Second-hand book sales 10am - 1pm TPL

3rd Saturday each month - SGSG litter picking 10am

3rd Saturday each month - Over Stowey Coffee Morning 10.30 - 12 noon OSVH

1st & 3rd Saturday each month - Dungeons & Dragons - TPL

2nd Saturday each month - Dungeons & Dragons DM Workshop - TPL

6th April - Easter Bingo at Over Stowey village hall - OSVH

20th June - Women's Walk

27th - 28th June - Big Bash weekend at Over Stowey CC

NSCC - Nether Stowey Church Centre TPL - Thomas Poole Library

The Marion Evered Trust

This years 200 club is now due for renewal, you should receive an invite letter to re join. If you haven't or if you wish to join then contact Pauline Barrow on 07724666011

We look forward to this years fundraising and there are a couple of events already planned, See below.

200 Club draw - Latest Draw results in next newsletter

Dates for your diary

- 6th April - Easter Bingo at Over Stowey village hall
- 27th-28th June - Big bash weekend at Over Stowey CC

Nick's Gardening Notes

April 2026



As I write this in early March it is pleasing to comment on how sunshine we have enjoyed the first week of March with three to four days of and warmer temperatures! Buds are starting to break and some early blossom is making a show, particularly the blackthorn in many of our hedgerows. Many soils have had a chance to dry out and allow some cultivations to be carried out.

Let us hope that we are going to be rewarded this month with some good spring weather as it is a busy month particularly in the vegetable garden and warm soil does help promote good germination and establishment of young plants. Do remember that in April/early May there is still a risk of frosts which can

Earth up new shoots if they have appeared to protect from possible frosts. It is the month when many vegetables can be sown direct into prepared soil such as peas, beetroot, lettuce, spring onion, radish, spinach, carrot, Swiss chard and parsnip. In prepared seed beds leeks, Brussels sprouts, summer cabbage, calabrese, kale and summer and autumn cauliflower can be sown and later transplanted. Alternatively, if only small numbers of plants are required it may be sensible to purchase the requisite number from a nursery or garden centre where there is normally a good choice. Remember that with salad crops smaller successional sowings/plantings are beneficial providing continuity of supply.

Members of the Brassica family (rocket, radish, turnips and cabbage, etc. are very susceptible to flea beetle recognised by small holes appearing in the seed leaves and young foliage. Some protection can be given covering with fleece or very fine mesh such as enviromesh and veggimesh. Try to keep weeds under control as they can quickly outgrow the crop and compete for space, nutrients and moisture.

Greenhouse: If the greenhouse has not had a thorough spring clean now is the time before spring and summer crops need to be planted. The better the quality of light entering the greenhouse the better the quality of growth. Not just clean glass but also benches and shelves. Frost tender crops such as French and runner beans, sweetcorn, courgettes, marrows and squashes can be sown ready to plant outdoors once the risk of frosts has gone, usually in early May.

Ornamentals: As spring flowering bulbs go over leave the foliage to die back for at least six weeks which allows time for the bulb/corm to be replenished ready for next year. Cut off old flowers of daffodils to prevent energy going in to the development of seeds. Dormant dahlia tubers can be planted out and any new growth should appear once the risk of frost has gone. Alternatively start

the tubers off in boxes of compost in the greenhouse and the first shoots can be taken as cuttings and then the tubers planted out. Herbaceous perennials can still be divided and the old woody parts rejected in favour of young vibrant new growths which can be replanted. Plants will benefit with a dressing of compost/well rotted manure which will help reduce annual weed germination. Brushwood such as hazel can be pushed into the soil around perennials that require some support allowing the new growth to grow up through the twigs.

Fruit: Stone fruits such as plums, gages and cherries are susceptible to silver leaf disease and whilst their pruning is generally minimal, and not every year, a badly placed branch may need removing. The end of the month is a suitable time as the tree's sap is on the move and the sap bleeding from the pruning cut prevents the fungal organism from entering the wound. Ensure that any tree ties are loosened a little to allow for the expanding growth of the stem/trunk.

Lawn care: Not for everyone but a good quality lawn is for some! A lawn feed can be given and the growing grass treated with a moss and weed control programme if desired. A thorough raking with a lawn rake helps scarify the lawn and stimulate new growth. Any bare patches can be re-seeded. Mowing should regularly take place but avoid cutting too short.

Nick Rigden





The 2026 season of talks and garden visits

If you love gardens or gardening
 Enjoy hearing about or visiting beautiful gardens
 Want to pick up lots of tips or add to your garden knowledge
 Enjoy a social gathering of enthusiasts
 Like listening to experts on a wide variety of gardening subjects...

Then come and join our monthly club!

	DIARY DATES FOR 2026
16 th April	Francis Burroughes - The Historic Front Garden
25 th April	Car visit to Watcombe, Winscombe
12 th May	Car visit to Leversdown House, Adsborough
16 th May	Plant Sale Thomas Poole Library, Nether Stowey
21 st May	Colin Higson - Nature as your Neighbour
17 th June	Car visit to Babb's Farm, Highbridge
18 th June	Bella Given - Dahlias

We meet at the Church Centre, St. Mary's Street, Nether Stowey.
 TA5 1LJ

every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7.00 for 7.30
 Come as a visitor to try us out. £5 for a talk including tea/coffee
 & cakes and there is a raffle and garden table too.

Annual membership is £25. Car sharing available for visits. Contact Kate Houghton, Secretary. Phone: 07940 836139 or email: stoweygardeners@yahoo.co Website: <https://sites.google.com/site/stoweygardeners>



Photo: Watcombe Garden, Winscombe. L Haswell

Latest from the Cricket Club



Not long to go now before we hear the sound of leather on willow!!

Youth training has started at the Quantock School on Tuesday evenings between 6pm-7.30pm before moving outdoors to our Marsh Mills ground on Tuesday 21st April, for further details please contact Head Coach Warren Bond on 07540619007.

The fixtures for the Senior sides are now on the Play Cricket website and will be also put on the clubs Facebook page throughout the season. The 1st XI start the season with a home fixture against Brompton Ralph CC on Saturday May 2nd and follow that up with a visit to local rivals Crowcombe CC on May 9th.

The 2nd XI playing in the 3rd Division for the first time in many years following promotion last season, begin their campaign playing Carhampton 1st XI at home on May 2nd and the following week (9th May) they travel to Buckland St. Mary CC which is always a keenly contested game.

*At time of going to print the fixtures for our 2 youth sides were not available but should be sorted out by the next issue. They can be found by visiting the Taunton and District Cricket League website.

We as a club are always looking for new players of all abilities, so why not give us a call on any of the numbers below or just turn up at our Marsh Mills ground at Over Stowey.

1st Team Captain Kieran Barrow
07932699224

2nd Team Captain Mark Sortwell 07969207770

NETHER STOWEY & FIDDINGTON W.I.

There was no speaker for our meeting on 12th March, which was our AGM, where Officers and Committee members were approved for the following year. After the business part of the meeting and refreshments, we had an informal "getting to know you" fun questionnaire.



Over the last few years, the number of W.I's in Somerset has reduced from about 140 to just over 90, a considerable and worrying statistic. We consider ourselves fortunate that we

have a thriving, growing W.I. but there's always room for more members! It is difficult in rural areas to attract and recruit younger members, and particularly those willing to take on the officer posts, i.e. President, Secretary and Treasurer. If you have thought about joining our W.I., but are perhaps unsure about making the commitment, you would be most welcome to come along to a meeting just to see if you'd like it. Our meetings are friendly and welcoming and members enjoy meeting once a month with friendly like-minded people. If you would like to join our W.I. and/or perhaps take a part in the running of it, there is plenty of help and support available, so you wouldn't be thrown in at the deep and you'd have the chance to find your feet, so to speak.

We try to make our meetings interesting with a variety of speakers and demonstrations to suit all tastes. In addition to our 11 regular meetings, we also run extra activities, such as a trip to Sidmouth in July (further details in the coming months), a Cream Tea in August, Christmas shopping trip in November, and finally our Christmas party in December.

We start our 2026 programme on 9th April when a talk will be given by a retired Police Officer. Other topics throughout the year will include a talk from SARAID (Disaster Search & Rescue), Goats on the Gorge, a talk on legal matters such as Tax, Wills & Power of Attorney, and a visit from the R.N.L.I, to name but a few. Further details will come shortly.

Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of the month, from 2.00 - 4.00 in the Church Centre. Entrance is £1.50 and £4.00 for visitors, which includes refreshments and a raffle.

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Thank You

Volunteers & members of the Wednesday Club Would Like to thank the Parish Council for the grant in February for a replacement item, it was appreciated by us all.

Wednesday Club Nether Stowey

Coffee & Cakes



All Welcome

Come and chat, meet new people, catch up or just rest with a drink and a slice of cake.

Saturday 11th April 10.30 – 12 noon

St Mary's Church Centre

We will be raising funds for the Minehead Lifeboat Station together with Gerry Wright who is selling her book,

Daughters of the Sea, and donating £5 for each copy sold, to the R.N.L.I. Gerry will be happy to sign the book for you, should you wish to buy one.

Copies cost £12 each – (rrp £12.99)



Lifeboats

Royal National Lifeboat Institution Registered Charity No: 209603



**NETHER
STOWEY**
VILLAGE HALL & RECREATION GROUND

50-50 LOTTERY DRAW

March 2026 Draw

1st Prize	£33.00	Ticket No: 10	L Okopski
2nd Prize	£16.50	Ticket No: 80	D Coombes
3rd Prize	£9.90	Ticket No: 46	J Erskine
4th Prize	£6.60	Ticket No: 169	S Youe

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Jane Erksine, Trustee 732025

Sharon Mayell, Treasurer 732311

Congratulations to the most recent winners of the playing field 50:50 lottery & thank you for your continued support.

The Trustees have met a few times in the last month to ensure the building we are seeking planning permission for is fit for purpose for decades to come. We now have the final design, this needs to be drawn up by our architect & further ecological & lightening surveys will need to be completed before it goes to Somerset Council.

OVER STOWEY PARISH COUNCIL

The February meeting welcomed a new co-opted councillor onto the Parish Council following the advertised vacancy. There were two very strong applicants but regrettably as there was only the one vacancy, obviously only one could be appointed. Councillors would like to express their thanks to both parties for their interest in the role and welcome Cllr Nicola Bond on to the Parish Council.

Work on the cemetery wall is due to take place soon (if it hasn't already started by the time of publication) and signage will be up to ensure visitors to the cemetery are made aware of this. Reports of dog waste in the cemetery have also been received again. If you do take your dog to the cemetery, please ensure that any waste is cleared up and taken away for disposal to ensure the health and safety of everyone who visits the cemetery. Please help us keep this space clean, peaceful, and dignified for all.

As ever, various highways issues were discussed. The Clerk will report any new problems and follow up on the ones that have already been reported but have not been resolved.

Two grant requests have been received and these will have been considered at the March meeting. There is a small pot of money available for grants and if you represent a group in the parish (or possibly a neighbouring parish) and would like to make an application to the Parish Council for some funding, please contact the Clerk for further information and eligibility.

Cllr Caswell reported that the budget will have been discussed by Somerset Council on the 25th of February and it is expected that the Council Tax increase will be 4.99%. For further information see [Somerset Council Budget](#) or contact the Clerk for a paper copy of the information and outcome.

The Clerk vacancy is still open and the Clerk has agreed to continue in the role on an extended notice period, until a replacement is found. The role is varied and interesting and if someone would like to take this opportunity on, the existing Clerk would be very happy to job-share or shadow someone for an extended period of time to ensure that the new Clerk is confident with the workings of a small Parish Council, with additional training provided free of charge.

If you feel that this is something you might like to consider but are unsure if you have the relevant qualifications or experience, please contact the Clerk to discuss further. If you would like to apply for this position, please see the Parish Council website for more information

<https://overstoweyparishcouncil.gov.uk/news/parish-clerk-vacancy/>

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 15th of April 2026. Please see the noticeboard and website for details.

If you have any concerns or issues you would like to bring to the attention of the Parish Council, please contact the Clerk. If you provide your full contact details, we can then ensure appropriate and relevant items raised are on the agenda for the next meeting.

Problems on the highways can be reported online at [Fix My Street](#) or on the Somerset Council web page [Report A Problem on the Road](#)

Please report any missed waste collections at [Missed Waste Collection](#) if you do not get a satisfactory response, please contact the Clerk.

If you experience any problems when using a footpath or bridleway, you can inform the Clerk or access the online reporting tool at [Somerset Council – Report A Problem With a Public Right of Way](#)

Website: [Over Stowey Parish Council](#)

Email: clerk@overstoweyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Phone: 07391 313740 (please leave a message if there is no reply)

New Member Vacancy

Nether Stowey Wednesday Club meet at St Mary's Church Centre each Wednesday other than term time, currently has 2 vacancies for new members. If you are interested or know an elderly relative or neighbour who may enjoy some company once a week give us a call.

Pop in the Church Hall after 10am any Wednesday for a coffee and meet the group,

Contact: Tina 07761586866 or Barbara 01278 732412

Irish Bread and Butter pudding



Almost every country in the world that eats bread has recipes to use up stale bread.

Breadcrumbs as a thickener for soups, or in this case, bread and butter pudding.

I have taken a traditional version and « cheffed » it up a bit. I have cooked these in individual ramekins so that they soufflé during baking. Your guests will think you are very clever indeed!

I use ramekins that are 2 inches deep and 3 inches across. They can be made well in advance.

Ingredients - serves 4 individual ramekins

- 4 x slices of brioche bread
- 4 x whole eggs
- 60g muscovado sugar
- 200ml single cream
- 250ml Baileys Irish cream
- 300ml Irish whiskey
- 40g salted butter
- 60g sultanas
- 10g golden castor sugar

Method

- First, in a small pan, put the sultanas and whiskey. Bring to a boil and take off the heat and leave to

marinate for a few hours or even better overnight.

- Melt the butter very slowly in a small pan, then using a pastry brush, butter the inside of the ramekins
- Place the brioche slices on a board and with a circular cutter, the same size as the ramekins, cut a disk from the middle of each slice. This will be the top of each ramekin.
- Using a pastry brush, coat each slice both sides with the melted butter.
- In a large mixing bowl, break in the eggs and muscovado sugar, beat together and add the Baileys and single cream.
- Into each ramekin pour in 20ml of the egg and baileys mixture and about a teaspoon of the sultanas (marinated in whiskey)
- Now tear into two the trimmings of each remaining brioche slice.
- Slice in two, place one half into the ramekin, a spoonful of sultanas, and more Bailey mixture. Repeat once more and top with the circular piece of bread that has been dipped in the egg and baileys mixture.
- Place the ramekins on to a small baking tray. Top up with the egg mixture if need be and sprinkle with the castor sugar.
- Bake in a pre-heated 180 degree C oven for 12-14 minutes until well risen.

Enjoy !

April 2026

Plugged in Parish News

A round up of the latest news from Hinkley Point C



Getting ready to start tunnelling the fish return system

Engineers are ready to start tunnelling the second of three fish protection measures at Hinkley Point C.

The fish return system will be 620m long and 1.8m in diameter. The tunnel boring machine has been named Sarah Guppy by local schoolchildren after the pioneering 19th century woman engineer.

With two other systems in place, Hinkley Point C will have more fish protection than any other power station in the world.



Hinkley Point C's other fish protection systems are specially designed intake heads to slow the speed of water entering the cooling tunnels and a new type of acoustic fish deterrent to keep fish away.

DID YOU KNOW



At HPC there are 7.7km of underground galleries which will connect electrical, mechanical and water systems to ensure HPC runs smoothly - and that's what the MEH Alliance and other fit out contractors are focusing on right now.

The total length of the galleries is roughly the same distance as Cannington to Nether Stowey by road.



In 2025 SPS operated a Fleet of 199 vehicles with 268,445 journeys covering 7,725,760 miles, which is the equivalent of 310 laps of the 34 earth or 32.5 return trips to the moon!



edfenergy.com/hpc



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The 218th WOMEN'S WALK

Saturday 20 June 2026

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The organising of the 218th WOMEN'S WALK is being finalised.

The historic tradition, of the women of the Stowey's walking each year, on the Saturday closest to mid-summer, is to honour the memory of Thomas Poole.

Thomas Poole was born in Nether Stowey in 1765. He was a tanner who used his wealth to improve the lives of the poor in the village. In 1806 he started the Stowey Female Friendly Society to help women in times of sickness, childbirth, widowhood and old age.

He funded and built the original village school in Castle Street, which is now our wonderful Thomas Poole Library, café and community hub.

Traditionally, everyone dressed up in their Sunday best for the walk, although this is no longer expected. They also carried a posy of flowers to put on Thomas Poole's grave.

The 218th walk will take place this year on Saturday 20 June.

We will meet at the Cross in the middle of the village at 3pm with the walk to St Mary's Church, headed by bagpipes, starting at 3.15pm. After a short service in the church, and a visit to Thomas Poole's grave we will walk back to the Church Centre for Afternoon Tea.

Further details of registering for this event will be in the next Messenger, but in the meantime please note this date in your diaries.

Janet Phillips, on behalf of the Stowey Female Friendly Society



Easter Bingo

in aid of

The Marion Evered Trust
At

OVERSTOWEY
VILLAGE HALL

MONDAY 6th APRIL

DOORS OPEN 7PM EYES DOWN 7.30

Great Prizes

Bar Open

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basics but
would like to
know more ...*

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Owl by Susan Webber

Art Exhibition by Susan Webber

Local artist Susan Webber will be celebrating a significant birthday this year. To mark this occasion, Sue will be holding a free to view exhibition of her art and photography at Crowcombe Church House, Crowcombe TA4 4AA, **from Friday 15th May - Thursday**

21st May, 10am-4pm daily. Including a Macmillan coffee morning - Wednesday 20th 10am - 12.30pm. (Please note that there are stairs to access the exhibition, no disabled access.) The exhibition entitled "60" will be a reflection of a lifetime spent producing creative work. Sue works mainly in acrylics, painting various subjects such as local landscapes, animals, buildings and has also designed and painted various large sculptures for Charity Art trails throughout the UK. These sculptures have raised over £200,000 for the charities. Famous figures included a Shaun the Sheep which was displayed in Covent Garden, and a World War One "Private Gromit" which is still on display outside Bristol Children's Hospital. In recent years Sue has rekindled her love of photography. Some of her photographs have been published in the prestigious "Black & White Photography" magazine. Sue welcomes everyone to her exhibition and hopes that you come away from it with extra enthusiasm for the world of art, photography and creativity.

CHURCH SERVICES – APRIL 2026

	NETHER STOWEY	OVER STOWEY
5TH April EASTER DAY	6.45am Sunrise Service at The Mount 11.00am Holy Communion for Easter (Church)	9.30am Morning Worship for Easter Day
12th April Easter 2	11.00am Morning Worship (Church Centre)	9.30am Morning Worship
19th April Easter 3	11.00am Morning Worship (Church Centre)	9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)
26th April Easter 4	11.00am Holy Communion (Church)	No Service

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 11th April

ST. MARY'S CHURCH CENTRE

10.30am – 12.00noon

**In Aid of The Royal National Lifeboat
Association in Minehead**

Dear all,

Easter is nearly upon us! We look to celebrating the Risen Christ on, Sunday 5th April - Easter Day!

As part of the celebrations, we are sending out Easter cards to all the homes in the parishes in the Benefice which includes Nether Stowey and Over Stowey. I am very grateful to all those who will have helped to distribute the cards - thank you.

In the card is an Easter greeting along with a list of services for Holy Week – the week before Easter - and details of celebration services on Easter Day. You are very welcome to come to these services; it would be lovely to see you.

Bishop Michael, the Bishop of Bath and Wells - 'our' Bishop - will be walking the Coleridge Way during Holy Week and visiting churches along the way. He arrives here in this Benefice at Holford Church at around 4pm on Thursday and will remain with us through Good Friday. The itinerary of his visit is on posters around the villages and in the churches and I have noted the services he will be attending in the Easter card. Please do come and see Bishop Michael; he is keen to meet as many people as he can.

As you may know, Bishop Michael launched at the start of the year an especial Diocesan Year of Prayer, and during the first three months of the year we have been focussing on prayer and planning events for the months ahead. In the Easter card, you'll find a copy of the Lord's Prayer in the contemporary form and on the reverse a series of thoughts on the individual lines. I would encourage you to pray the Lord's Prayer, and especially at 8pm on a Thursday evening during the 'Moment of Prayer'.

Easter is a season of great joy and one that brings us hope for new life and for life beyond our time here on earth.

May I wish you a very Happy Easter!

Eleanor

CHURCH CONTACT POINTS

ST. MARY'S, Nether Stowey *with* ST. PETER & ST. PAUL, Over Stowey

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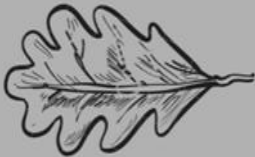
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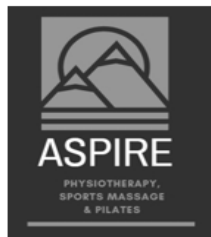
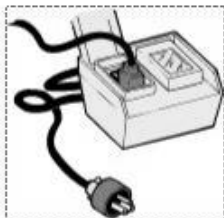
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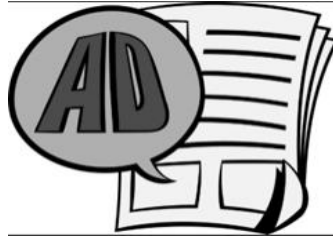
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