

Save the date continued ...

A new series of free poetry readings at Coleridge Cottage, Nether Stowey starting Wednesday 22nd July at 1pm - and 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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www.quantockvillagesbenefice.org.uk/safeguarding

<https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/diocese/safeguarding/>



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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 Stringston



Sunday 16th August – 11th after Trinity

9:30am Holy Communion at Over Stowey (BCP)

11:00am Holy Communion at Aisholt (BCP)

11:00am Morning Worship at Kilve

11:00am Morning Worship Nether Stowey Church Centre

11:00am Holy Communion at Stringston

6:30pm Songs of Praise at Enmore

6:30pm Evensong at Holford (BCP)

Banns to be read at Nether Stowey

Readings for the 11th Sunday after Trinity

Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32 *God has given the law so he can be merciful to all*

Matthew 15. [10-20], 21-28 *The Canaanite woman's daughter is healed*

Collect for 11th Sunday after Trinity

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Post Communion

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; 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: All who work to prevent mosquito-borne diseases. (World Mosquito Day on 20th Aug)

National: Students getting GCSE results this week

Church: Holiday Clubs

Local: Aisholt, Enmore and Goathurst. Summer visitors

With thanks: The emergency services.

Events this week

NS CHURCH CENTRE IS CLOSED ALL WEEK. Benefice Office is open

Monday 17th - 9am Morning Prayer N. Stowey Church

- Quantock Food Bank collection at 11am

Tuesday 18th - 12noon Funeral of John Wherry at NS

Wednesday 19th - Celtic Morning Prayer at Goathurst

- Wednesday Club summer break until 9th Sep

Thursday 20th - 10:30am – 11:15am visiting ringers at Goathurst

- 8pm a Moment of Prayer

Friday 21st - 10am Holy Communion NS Church Centre

- Spaxton Rainbow Café 10:30-12:30pm

Nether Stowey Flower Show Saturday 15th August in the Church Centre from 2:00pm. Refreshments available. All are welcome.

Experiencing the Psalms During August, at some of the services across the Benefice, we'll be diving more deeply into the Book of Psalms through. If you have a favourite Psalm, please let me know and I will see if it can be included. If you are looking for some August reading, why not look at the Psalms. Revd Eleanor



A big thank you to Martin Stacey for treating us to a splendid Organ Recital in Nether Stowey last Friday. A very enjoyable evening and £300 raised – thank you to everyone who supported the event.

Thought for the week:

The Lord watches over you –
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
& the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.
Psalm 121:5-6

Next Sunday 23rd August – 12th after Trinity

9:30am Holy Communion at Holford (BCP)

11:00am Morning Worship at Enmore

11:00am Holy Communion Nether Stowey Church

11:00am Morning Worship at Spaxton

3:00pm Pet Service at Over Stowey

6:30pm Holy Communion at Goathurst (BCP)

Banns to be read at Spaxton

Readings for the 12th Sunday after Trinity

Romans 12.1-8 *Present your bodies as holy, for we are members together*

Matthew 16.13-20 *Peter declares Jesus to be the Messiah*

In and around the benefice ...

Over Stowey Coffee Morning: Sat 15th August 10:30am

Goathurst Coffee Morning: Tuesday 25th August 11:00am

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

Praise and Worship Service at St Peter's Church,

Combwich 13th September @ 6.00pm with Coffee and Cake afterwards.

Save the Date ...

Songs of Praise at St Michaels Church Enmore on Sunday 16th August. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy tea and homemade cakes at 5:30pm, followed by your chosen hymns at 6:30pm.



Cream Tea in Goathurst Churchyard – Sunday 16th August 3-5pm. Join us for a lazy afternoon with delicious cakes and friends.

The Barnacle Buoys at Goathurst. An outdoor concert in the grounds of Halswell House. **Sat 22 Aug 2026 5pm-7pm.** Bar available. BYO picnic, chairs, blankets etc. Tickets £10, children free. Proceeds to: Children's Hospice Southwest, RNLI and the Talk Club. A donation will also be made to Church funds. Tickets on the gate or <https://buytickets.at/thebarnaclebuoys/2252284>

Pet Service at Over Stowey Church on Sunday 23rd

August at 3pm, in the churchyard, weather permitting. The service will be followed by a cream tea. We look forward to welcoming all animals great and small, and their people too of course.



Flourishing in a multi-parish benefice a Quantock Group Ministry quiet study day. Thursday 17th September at Hill House. All welcome. Details to follow.

Foundation (Church) Governor vacancy for Nether Stowey School. If you are interested in finding out more about this important role, please do ask Revd Eleanor.

Following **the passing of Nick Wright last week**, Gerry has let us know that there will be a private family cremation next week, with a Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration of Nick's long life at 2.00pm on Friday 18th September, followed by teas in the Church Centre. All are welcome. Please keep Gerry and the family in pray.