

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/>



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 Strington



Sunday 20th September 16th after Trinity

9:30am Holy Communion at Over Stowey

11:00am Holy Communion at Aisholt

11:00am Morning Worship at Nether Stowey CC

11:00am Holy Communion at Strington

3:00pm Harvest Service at Kilve

4:00pm Taizé Service at Enmore

6:30pm Evensong at Holford

Banns to be read in Nether Stowey

Holy Baptism at Holford

Readings for the 16th Sunday after Trinity

Philippians 1.21-end *Living is Christ and dying is gain: live worthy lives*

Matthew 20.1-16 *Parable of the labourers in the vineyard*

Collect for 16th Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;

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

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For our Prayers

Baptisms and Weddings: Please pray for those getting married this month and those being 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 our war-torn world

National: For all those living with dementia, and for their families and caregivers

Church: Harvest services and suppers

Local: Over Stowey, Spaxton with Charlynch, and Strington

With thanks: For local shops and services.

Events this week

Monday 21st - 9am Morning Prayer at N Stowey Church

- Quantock Food Bank collection
- 4:30pm Goathurst PCC
- 7:30pm Nether Stowey PCC

Tuesday 22nd

Wednesday 23rd - Celtic Morning Prayer at Goathurst

- Wednesday Club at Nether Stowey.

Thursday 24th - 8pm a Moment of Prayer

- 7:30pm Deanery Singers rehearsal in Church Centre

Friday 25th - 10am Holy Communion NS Church Centre

- Spaxton Rainbow Café 10:30 -12:30pm
- 10am - 11:15am Stay and Play at Goathurst
- 6pm-7:30pm Kids Night, Goathurst

Saturday 26th - 10:30am Kilve Coffee Morning

Kompost Compostable Food Waste Bags & Caddy Liners,

These bags are made in Ukraine, from potato starch. Our friend Clare in Stogursey has been working on the design, packaging and promotion for ages and launched the product on 1st September. Currently available on Amazon, the bags come in various sizes. Profits go to Ukrainian farmers, and the packaging is done by Ukrainian soldiers while waiting for prosthetic limbs. Follow the link below to purchase <https://amzn.eu/d/04uLjAhf>

Thanksgiving Services will be held for the lives of Robbie Rutt at 2pm on Wednesday 30th September in Kilve Church, and for Margaret Baker at 2pm on Friday 19th October in Holford Church.

Thought for the week:

Every sunrise is a message from God, and every sunset is his signature.

William Arthur Ward

Next Sunday 27th September 17th after Trinity

9:30am Harvest Service at Holford

11:00am Morning Worship at Enmore

11:00am Holy Communion for Harvest at Nether Stowey Church followed by Harvest Community Lunch

11:00am Harvest Morning Worship at Spaxton followed by lunch

11:00am Family Service at Strington

6:30pm Holy Communion at Goathurst (BCP)

Readings for the 17th Sunday after Trinity

Philippians 2.1-13 *Christ humbled himself; now God has exalted him*

Matthew 21.23-32 *The chief priests challenge Jesus' authority; a parable of two sons and a vineyard*

In and around the benefice ...

Over Stowey Coffee Morning: Sat 19th Sept 10:30am

Kilve Coffee Morning: Sat 26th Sept 10:30

Goathurst coffee morning: Tuesday 29th Sept 11:00am

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

Praise and Worship Service at St Peter's Church,

Combwich 11th October @ 6.00pm with Coffee and Cake afterwards.

Save the Date ...

Heritage Open Days in Goathurst 19th-20th

September from 12 noon -5pm. Come and explore the unique heritage in the village. Entry is free. Refreshments available at the church and at the Temple of Pan. Further details at <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting>

Choral Evensong with the Choir of Wells

Cathedral Sunday 11th October at 3pm in Kilve

Church followed by refreshments. Please let Alison in the Benefice Office know you are coming so that we can make sure there are seats for all. It may be helpful to know that they will be a toilet on site.



Community Harvest Lunch at St Mary's

Church Centre Sunday 27th September

12:45pm for 1:00pm. To book your place

please contact the Benefice Office on 01278 732855 before 22nd Sept.

Harvest Supper at Enmore Memorial Hall Friday

2nd October. Come and enjoy a traditional ploughman's supper. Tickets £15 from mvc31@yahoo.co.uk or Rosalie 01279 671 337 Rosalie.burge2016@gmail.com.

Wrington Joyful Choir Concert on Saturday

3rd October at Victory Hall, Stogursey at 7:30pm.

Everything from Pop to Rock! Bar from 6:30pm.

Tickets £10/ £5 for under 16's. Pay at door, cash or card.



The Rural Forum 2026 will be held on Monday 9th

November at Bagley Baptist Church with a focus on pilgrimage and the rural church - A spiritual journey connecting faith, place and people. More details to follow.