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**

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.

Rector: Revd. Eleanor King
01278 734777
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(Usual day off Thursday)

Priests with Permission to Officiate (PTO):
Revd. Dawn Brimson 01278 741413
Revd. Stephen Campbell 01278 741329
Revd Kate Sax 0756 2905279

Readers:

Sarah Upfield	**01278 671539**
Viv Chesterton	**01278 733568**
Alison Hoare	**01278 732350**

Lay Worship Assistants:
Preb. Sally Bult 07748 307105
Sarah King 01278 734777

Benefice Administrator: Alison
Usual office hours Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri from 9-11am
Telephone: 01278 732855
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Website: www.quantockvillagesbenefice.org.uk

Church Centre Bookings: Barbara Beer 01278 732342

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 15th November – 2nd before Advent

9:30am Holy Communion at Over Stowey
11:00am Holy Communion at Aisholt
11:00am Morning Worship at Kilve
11:00am Morning Worship at Nether Stowey C Centre
11:00am Holy Communion at Stringston
4:00pm Taizé Service at Enmore
6:30pm Evensong at Holford

Holy Baptism at Nether Stowey

Readings for 2nd Sunday before Advent

1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 *The day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night*
Matthew 25.14-30 *The parable of the talents*

Collect for 2nd Sunday before Advent

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
or
Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

For our Prayers

Baptisms and Weddings: Please pray for for those preparing for marriage 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 and healing wherever it's needed.

National: For the victims of bullying.

Church: That we protect the vulnerable, comfort the fearful, and strengthen those who keep watch over others.

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

With thanks: For every child and young person we know.

Events this week

Monday 16th - 9am Morning Prayer at N Stowey Church
- Quantock Food Bank collection
- 4:30pm Goathurst PCC

Tuesday 17th - 2:30pm Spaxton PCC

Wednesday 18th - Celtic Morning Prayer at Goathurst

Thursday 19th - 8pm a Moment of Prayer
- 7:30pm Deanery Singers Choir Practice NS Church

Friday 20th - 10am Holy Communion NS Church Centre
- Spaxton Rainbow Café 10:30 -12:30pm
- 10am - 11:15am Stay and Play at Goathurst
- 7:30pm Rock of Third Ages at NS Church Centre

Saturday 21st - 10:30am Over Stowey Coffee Morning
- 7:30pm Goathurst Quiz

Please pray for the Alpha course which begins on **Friday 15th January.** This is an opportunity to meet others and explore the Christian faith together. Please contact Jennifer, Lindnerjenniferlindner07@gmail.com or Eleanor.

AD Simon has sent an email expressing his thanks to all those who were at the various gatherings over the Benefice Visit weekend. He assures us of his prayers for our life and ministry together.

Thought for the week:
My secret is very simple: I pray. Through prayer I become one in love with Christ. I realise that praying to him is loving him.
Mother Teresa

Next Sunday 22nd – Christ the King

11:00am Morning Worship at Enmore
11:00am Holy Communion at Nether Stowey Church
11:00am Holy Communion at Spaxton
11:00am Family Service at Stringston
6:30pm Holy Communion at Goathurst

Readings for Christ the King

Ephesians 1.15-end *Paul prays for the church, Christ's body*
Matthew 25.31-end *The judging of the nations – the sheep and the goats*

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In and around the benefice …

Over Stowey Coffee Morning: 10.30am Sat 21st Nov
Goathurst Coffee Morning: 11:00am Tue 24th Nov
Kilve Coffee Morning: 10:30 Sat 28th November
Goathurst Handbells: 1st & 3rd Saturdays 4-5pm
Praise & Worship Service at St Peter's Church, Combwich 13th December @ 6.00pm with Coffee & Cake.

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Save the Date …



Lunch fundraiser on Friday 11th December at Priors Farm, Stringston. 12:30 for 1pm, two delicious courses, cost by donation. ***Please let Sally know by Sunday 6th December if you would like to attend.*** sallybult@live.co.uk

Rock of Third Ages are playing in the Church Centre, Nether Stowey on 20th November at 7:30pm. Music from the 50's through to the Naughties! Soft Drinks bar, refreshments, BYOB. Free entry – donations to the church Centre and the Salvation Army.



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.

Benefice Service on Advent Sunday - On 29th November we come together as a Benefice for a Benefice Service of the Word at 10:30am in the Church Centre. Please do come along.



Deanery Advent Carol Service 6:30pm Monday 30th November at St Andrew's Church, Stogursey. From Darkness to Light.

Annual Charity Quiz 'n' Supper Friday 4th December at the Church Centre, Nether Stowey 6:45 for 7:15pm. Tickets £10 includes pasties and puds, teas and coffees. BYOB and glasses. Teams of 4-6. To book your table contact Gerry on 734584.

Community Christmas Lunch Sunday 13th December 12:30- for 12:45pm at the Church Centre Nether Stowey. Includes Christmas songs and carols with the Stowey Singers. Please call Alison on 732855 or Gerry on 734584 to book by 8th December. Cost by donation.

