

Save the date continued ...

**18<sup>th</sup> July** from about noon - Deanery Pilgrimage Walk – largely following the coastal path and crossing all four of the benefices of the Deanery from St Decuman's Holy Well in Watchet to St Andrew's Holy Well in Stogursey with various stops on the way. Bishop Fiona will be joining the walk.

**25<sup>th</sup> October** – Deanery Evensong at Cannington with the Dean of Wells preaching. This will be in the afternoon.

**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](http://www.quantockvillagesbenefice.org.uk/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 31<sup>st</sup> May – Trinity Sunday**

9.30am Holy Communion at Over Stowey

**11.00am Benefice Service at Nether Stowey Church**

**Centre with speaker, Sam Searle**

*(Coffee and pastries from 10:15 – 10:45. Coffee and cake at the end of the service)*

## **Readings for Trinity Sunday**

**2 Corinthians 13.11-end** *'The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you'*.

**Matthew 28. 16-20** *The great commission: 'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations ...'*

## **Collect for Trinity Sunday**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you have given us your servants grace,  
by the confession of a true faith,  
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity  
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:  
keep us steadfast in this faith,  
that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;  
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*

Holy God,  
faithful and unchanging:  
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,  
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,  
that we may truly worship you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## **Post Communion**

Almighty and eternal God,  
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:  
hold us firm in this faith,  
that we may know you in all your ways  
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,  
who are three Persons yet one God,  
now and for ever.

## 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:** The countries and people suffering as a result of the Ebola outbreak.

**National:** For those who are homeless

**Church:** Thanksgiving for our Churchwardens.

**Local:** Over Stowey, Spaxton with Charlynch, and Strington

**With thanks:** For our water supply

## Events this week

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup>** - 9am Morning Prayer Nether Stowey Church

- Quantock Food Bank collection at 11am
- 11am Ministry Team meeting
- Archdeacon's Visitation at St Decuman's, Watchet at 7pm

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Celtic Morning Prayer at Goathurst

- Wednesday Club at Nether Stowey

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>** - 8pm a Moment of Prayer

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup>** - 10am Holy Communion NS Church Centre

- Spaxton Rainbow Café 10:30-12:30
- 10am - 11:15am Stay and Play at Goathurst
- \*5.00pm-6.00pm Workshop for organists at St Andrews, Stogursey
- \*7.00pm Organ recital given by Hugh Morris at St Andrews, Stogursey

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>** - 10am Holford Coffee Morning

- \*10.00am-12.00pm Music in rural churches discussion forum Nether Stowey Church Centre
- \*2.00pm-4.30pm Come and Sing NS Church Centre

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>** - 6.30pm Festal Choral Evensong, St Mary's

- Church, Stogumber

## **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

### *Thought for the week:*

*One of the weaknesses of our age is our  
apparent inability to distinguish our needs from  
our greeds*

**Donald William Bradley Robinson**

## Next Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> after Trinity

9:30am Family Worship at Goathurst

9:30am Morning Worship at Holford

11:00am Matins at Aisholt

11:00am Holy Communion at Enmore

11:00am Holy Communion at Kilve

11:00am Morning Worship at Nether Stowey C Centre

**6:30pm Deanery Choral Evensong at Stogumber Church**

*Banns to be read at Aisholt*

## Readings for 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity

**Romans 4 13-25** *Through faith Abraham inherited God's promise and became the father of many nations*

**Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26** *Jesus calls Matthew, dines with tax collectors and sinners and heals the sick*

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## **In and around the benefice ...**

### **Regular Events**

**Kilve Coffee Morning:** Sat 30<sup>th</sup> May 10:30am

**Holford Coffee Morning:** Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 10am

**Enmore Coffee and Book Borrowing:** Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 11am

**Nether Stowey Coffee Morning:** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 10:30am

**Goathurst Handbells 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays 4-5pm**

**Praise and Worship Service at St Peter's Church, Combwich**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month @ 6.00pm. with Coffee and Cake afterwards. The next one is 14th June

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## **Save the Date ...**

**Praying in daily life 3<sup>rd</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> June** The third and fourth of a series of 75-minute sessions exploring different approaches to prayer. For details, please contact Rev'd Eleanor.



### **\*Deanery Music Weekend from 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> June 2026.**

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

**Folk on Friday with Glyn and Keith** at 7.30pm on Friday 19th June. BYOB+glasses+friends. Free entry. Optional leaving donation for Church Centre upkeep.

### **In-person Safeguarding Foundation Course –**

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 10:00am to 12:30pm led by Sarah King. Please book with Alison in the Office.



### **The Floral Cascade Returns!**

Come and join us for tea and cake at St Mary's in Kilve to celebrate the return of the floral cascade from 3- 4pm on Saturday 6th June. This wonderful village creation still includes hundreds of flowers made by current Kilve residents and quite a number by people who are sadly no longer with us, so it's a little bit of history for us all to enjoy. Come along and take a look and enjoy a chat and some refreshments too.