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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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 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*

Collect for Christ the King

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
or
God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.

Post Communion

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For our Prayers

Baptisms and Weddings: Please pray for those preparing for marriage, those being confirmed on 29th November 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 all who struggle with fuel poverty, locally and around the world.

N**ational:** For the elimination of violence and abuse against women.

Church: Those who serve in our churches and are busy preparing for Advent

Local: Over Stowey, Spaxton with Charlynch, Stringston

With thanks: For the beauty and life trees bring, both above the ground and the roots that sustain life.

Events this week

Monday 23rd - 9am Morning Prayer at N Stowey Church
- Quantock Food Bank collection
- 7:30pm Nether Stowey PCC

Tuesday 24th - Goathurst Coffee Morning at 11:00am

Wednesday 25th - Celtic Morning Prayer at Goathurst
- Bishop Michael's Autumn Visit at Church House Crowcombe from 7pm to 9pm. Booking essential.

Thursday 26th - 8pm a Moment of Prayer
- 7:30pm Deanery Singers Practice Stogursey Church

Friday 27th - 10am Holy Communion NS Church Centre
- Spaxton Rainbow Café 10:30 -12:30pm
- 10am - 11:15am Stay and Play at Goathurst

Saturday 28th - 10:30am Kilve Coffee Morning

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 via jenniferlindner07@gmail.com or Eleanor.

Advent A-Z - **St Margaret's Church in Spaxton** are holding a series of discussion groups reflecting on Advent **on** Tuesdays 1st, 8th and 22nd December at 2pm at Littledown High Street Spaxton, 01278 671891. All are welcome.

Thought for the week:
Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.
Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
And righteousness will look down from the sky
Psalm 85. 9-11

Next Sunday 29th November – Advent Sunday

9:30am Holy Communion Over Stowey (said service)
10:30am Benefice Service Nether Stowey Church Centre

Deanery Confirmation Service at West Quantoxhead

Readings for Advent Sunday

Isaiah 64.1-9 *Come down O God and reveal your power and might*
Mark 13.24-end *The fig tree prefigures the coming of the Son of Man, so keep awake!*

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In and around the benefice …

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

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. All welcome

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.

Spaxton Christmas Tree Festival from Wednesday 9th December. This year the theme is 'Gifts'. The trees will be lit for all the Christmas services and daily from 12:00 - 18:00. Last year there were 24 decorated trees! Do drop in to visit, you will be made very welcome

