A new series of free poetry readings at Coleridge Cottage, Nether Stowey at 1:00pm 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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Revd. Dawn Brimson 01278 741413
Revd. Stephen Campbell 01278 741329
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Readers:

Sarah Upfield	**01278 671539**
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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 18th October 20th after Trinity

9:30am Holy Communion at Over Stowey
11:00am Holy Communion at Aisholt (BCP)
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 Dodington (BCP)

Readings for the 20th Sunday after Trinity

1 Thessalonians 1.1-10 *Paul gives thanks for the Thessalonians' faith and example*
Matthew 22.15-22 *Should we pay taxes to God or Caesar?*

Collect for 20th Sunday after Trinity

God, the giver of life,
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ
and make us eager to do your will,
that we may share with the whole creation
the joys of eternal life;
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, our light and our salvation:
illuminate our lives,
that we may see your goodness in the land of the living,
and looking on your beauty
may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

God our Father,
whose Son, the light unfailing,
has come from heaven to deliver the world
from the darkness of ignorance:
let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding
that we may know the way of life,
and walk in it without stumbling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For our Prayers

Baptisms and Weddings: Please pray for those getting married this year and for 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: Increasing costs of living and rises in poverty worlwide.

N**ational:** The National Health Service and all who work in it.

Church: For Archdeacon Simon's visit to the benefice.

Local: Aisholt, Enmore, Goathurst

With thanks: For autumn colours

Events this week

Monday 19th - 9am Morning Prayer at N Stowey Church
- Quantock Food Bank collection

Tuesday 20th - 1:30pm Aisholt PCC
- Benefice office closed today

Wednesday 21st - Celtic Morning Prayer at Goathurst
- Wednesday Club at Nether Stowey.

Thursday 22nd - 8pm a Moment of Prayer
- 7:30pm Deanery Singers rehearsal Cannington Church

Friday 23rd - 10am Holy Communion NS Church Centre
- Spaxton Rainbow Café 10:30 -12:30pm
- 10am - 11:15am Stay and Play at Goathurst
- Nether Stowey School Spirituality Day
- Kids Night Goathurst 6-7:30pm

Saturday 24th - 10:30am Kilve Coffee Morning



Don't forget to put your clocks back!

On Sunday 25th October, Archdeacon Simon will be coming to visit and learn about what is happening in the Benefice. In order that he can meet as many folk as possible, there will be a Benefice Service of Holy Communion in St Mary's Church, Nether Stowey at 10:30am.
This will be followed by a bring 'n' share lunch in the Church Centre. Please do come along and take this opportunity to meet with AD Simon. *(Please note the earlier time for the Benefice Service. This is to allow folk to go the Deanery Choral Evensong at 3pm)*

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

Are you looking to be Confirmed? There is to be a Confirmation service at St Audries Church West Quantoxhead on Sunday 29th November with Bishop Nigel Stock. If you are interested in being confirmed, please speak to Revd Eleanor.

Next Sunday 25th October Last after Trinity – Bible Sunday

10:30am Benefice Service of Holy Communion at Nether Stowey with Archdeacon Simon, followed by a Bring and Share Lunch in the Church Centre

3:00pm Evensong at Cannington with the Dean of Wells preaching

Readings To be advised

British Summer Time ends.

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In and around the benefice …

Over Stowey Coffee Morning: 10:30am Sat 17th Oct
Kilve Coffee Morning: Saturday 24th Oct 10:30am
Goathurst Coffee Morning: Tuesday 27th Oct 11:00am
Goathurst Handbells: 1st & 3rd Saturdays 4-5pm
Praise & Worship Service at St Peter's Church, Combwich 8th November @ 6.00pm with Coffee & Cake.

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Save the Date …

Dodington Evensong service on 18th October at 6:30pm All are welcome



Deanery Choral Evensong on Sunday 25th October at 3pm at Cannington Church. The Dean of Wells, the Very Reverend Toby Wright will be preaching. All are welcome.

Autumn Lunch fundraiser on Wednesday 4th November at Priors Farm, Stringston. 12:30 for 1pm, two courses, cost by donation. Please let Sally know by Sunday 1st Nov. sallybult@live.co.uk if you would like to attend.

An in-person **Safeguarding Foundation training course** will be held in the Nether Stowey Church Centre on Saturday 7th November from 10:00am to 12:30pm. Please book with Alison if you would like to attend.

The Rural Forum 2026 - Monday 9th November at Bagley Baptist Church. Focussing on pilgrimage, our keynote speaker is Revd Sally. This is a free event, includes lunch and is open to all. To book your place - please register via the online form linked here ***by 30th October*** Places going fast!

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.

All Souls Services Sunday 1st November at 3:30pm in Goathurst, Kilve and Nether Stowey, during which we take a moment to remember loved ones who have died during the past year, or longer ago. If you would like the name of your loved one read out, please contact Revd Eleanor (734777), or the Benefice Office (732855) or pass the name to one of the Churchwardens ***by 30th October***

Thought for the week:
It is not in life's chances but in its choices that happiness comes to the heart of the individual
Jim Rohn