

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.

Foundation (Church) Governor for Nether Stowey School. If you are interested in finding out more about this important role, please do ask Revd Eleanor.

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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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

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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 Strington



Sunday 12th July – 6th after Trinity

9:30am Holy Communion at Goathurst

9:30am Morning Worship at Over Stowey

11:00am Holy Communion at Nether Stowey (Church)

11:00am Holy Communion at Spaxton

11:00am Morning Worship with Baptism at Strington*

6:30pm Evensong at Aisholt (BCP)

Holy Baptism at Strington

Readings for 6th Sunday after Trinity

Romans 8.1-11 *No condemnation for those in Christ who live by the spirit*

Matthew 13.1-9,18-23 *The parable of the sower told and explained*

Collect for 6th Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
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 of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Congregations from Holford and Kilve are welcome to join this service as it would normally be a Café Church. The service is followed by lunch in the Holford Village Hall.*

For our Prayers

Baptisms and Weddings: Please pray for Nancy Robin being baptised on Saturday 11th July and for Eben and Osmund being baptised on Sunday 12th July, and those getting married this year.

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: People and places suffering from extreme weather conditions.

National: The political situation in Britain

Church: For those travelling to Taizé this week with Bishop Michael on a pilgrimage for young people.

Local: Holford with Dodington, Kilve & Nether Stowey

With thanks: For the fun of participating in & watching sport.

Events this week

The office is closed this week

Monday 13th - 9am Morning Prayer N. Stowey Church

- Quantock Food Bank collection at 11am
- 12pm Funeral of Peter Waters at Holford
- 2pm Commissioning of Enmore Pupil Chaplains
- 4:30pm Goathurst PCC

Tuesday 14th - 1pm Funeral of Steven Scarrott at Nether Stowey

Wednesday 15th - Celtic Morning Prayer at Goathurst

- Wednesday Club at Nether Stowey

Thursday 16th - 11:30am -12:15pm visiting bellringers at Nether Stowey

- 8pm a Moment of Prayer

Friday 17th - 10am Holy Communion NS Church Centre

- Spaxton Rainbow Café 10:30-12:30
- 10am -11:15am Stay and Play at Goathurst
- 12pm Funeral of Shirley Rushent at Kilve

Saturday 18th - 10:30am Over Stowey Coffee Morning

- Deanery Pilgrimage Walk

A new series of free poetry readings at Coleridge Cottage starting Wednesday 22nd July at 1pm - and every Wednesday till the end of October. Please speak to Michael for more information.

Thought for the week:

"The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts; so I am helped, and my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him"

Psalm 28:7

Next Sunday 19th July – 7th 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 Holford (BCP)

1:30pm Holy Baptism at Goathurst

Readings for 7th Sunday after Trinity

Romans 8.12-25 *We cry 'Abba, Father!' Creation groans, awaiting adoption*

Matthew 13.24-30,36-3 *The parable of the wheat and tares told and explained*

In and around the benefice ...

Over Stowey Coffee Morning: Saturday 18th July 10:30am

Kilve Coffee Morning: Saturday 25th July 10:30am

Goathurst Coffee Morning: Tuesday 28th July 11:00am

Goathurst Handbells 1st & 3rd Saturdays 4-5pm

Praise and Worship Service at St Peter's Church, Combwich 12th July @ 6.00pm. with Coffee and Cake afterwards.

News

Hot Weather Alert – Many of us are struggling in these spells of extreme weather and there may be more to come. May we remind you our churches are usually open and may provide a slightly cooler place of refuge, to sit awhile, rest and maybe pray. Please take care of yourselves. Viv

From 20th July, Steve Atkinson is cycling from London via Somerset to Lands' End. **He will call at The Church Centre Fri. 24th July at 10am for Holy Communion followed by coffee and cake, before continuing his journey. Join us if you can.** Donations will go to the Deanery Mission Appeal. You can make donations via the following link:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/steve-atkinson-4?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL

Save the Date ...



Deanery Pilgrimage Walk 18th July from noon, 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. Bishop Fiona will be joining the walk. Further details to follow.

In-person Safeguarding Foundation Course -

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

The Barnacle Buoys at Goathurst. An outdoor concert in the grounds of Halswell House. **Sat 22 Aug 2026 5pm-7pm.** BYO picnic, chairs, blankets etc. Tickets £10, children free. Proceeds to: Children's Hospice South West, RNLI and the Talk Club. A donation will also be made to Church funds. Tickets <https://buytickets.at/thebarnaclebuoys/2252284>