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
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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
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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 29th November – Advent Sunday

9:30am Holy Communion Over Stowey (said service)
10:30am Benefice Service Nether Stowey Church Centre
'A pilgrimage through Advent'

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!*

Collect for Advent Sunday

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
or
Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Post Communion

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord

For our Prayers

Baptisms and Weddings: Please pray for those preparing for marriage, those looking to be baptised and those being confirmed this Sunday at West Quantoxhead

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 struggling with fuel poverty.

N**ational:** For the lonely and isolated.

Church: Our clergy and all those who serve in our churches and are busy preparing for Advent.

Local: Aisholt, Enmore and Goathurst.

With thanks: For organisations and individuals supporting the vulnerable.

Events this week

Monday 30th - 9am Morning Prayer at N Stowey Church
- Quantock Food Bank collection
- 6:30pm Deanery Advent Carol Service at Stogursey

Tuesday 1st - Journey to Bethlehem, Blackmore Farm
- Launch of Holford's Advent Windows

Wednesday 2nd - Celtic Morning Prayer at Goathurst
- Wednesday Club at Nether Stowey
- Deanery Chapter

Thursday 3rd - 8pm a Moment of Prayer

Friday 4th - 10am Holy Communion at NS Church Centre
- Spaxton Rainbow Café 10:30 -12:30pm
- 10am - 11:15am Stay and Play at Goathurst
- Christingle at Nether Stowey School
- 2.45pm Christingle at Spaxton

Saturday 5th - 10am Holford Coffee Morning
- 10.30am Nether Stowey Coffee Morning
- 10am Prayers at Over Stowey

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.

Thank you to all who came to The Rock of Third Ages gig last Friday at which £307 was raised for the Salvation Army and Church Centre.

Donations for Bridgwater Food Bank of non-perishable foods and household/domestic goods, can be brought to Goathurst Church from Saturday 5th December. To be delivered to the Food Bank on Monday 14th Dec. Please place donations in the crates by the choir stalls. Many thanks. Gill M

Next Sunday 6th December – 2nd of Advent

9:30am Morning Worship at Holford
11:00am Matins at Aisholt
11:00am Holy Communion at Kilve
11:00am Advent Service at Nether Stowey Church Centre
4:00pm Christingle at Goathurst
4:00pm Evensong at Over Stowey
5:00pm Evensong at Spaxton

Readings for 2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40.1-11*Be comforted God's people; make straight in the desert a highway for God*
Mark 1.1-8 *John the Baptist appears, preaching repentance, and unworthy to tie Jesus' sandals*

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In and around the benefice …

Holford Coffee Morning: 10am Saturday 5th December
Nether Stowey Coffee Morning: 10:30am Sat. 5th Dec.
Over Stowey Coffee Morning: 10:30am Saturday 19th Dec.
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

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.



Thought for the week:
The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. Isaiah 9.2