

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.

**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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<https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/diocese/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 Strington



### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Sunday after Ascension Day**

9.30am Morning Worship at Over Stowey

11.00am Holy Communion at Aisholt (BCP)

11:00am Morning Worship at Kilve

11:00am Morning Worship Nether Stowey Church Centre

11:00am Holy Communion at Strington

4:00pm Taizé at Enmore

**6:30pm Songs of Praise at Dodington**

*Banns to be read at Nether Stowey*

*Holy Baptism at Kilve*

### **Readings for Sunday after Ascension Day**

**Acts 1.6-14** *The Ascension and the choosing of Matthias by casting lots*

**John 17.1-11** *Jesus prays for his disciples that they may be one*

### **Collect for Sunday after Ascension Day**

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone  
before, who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Or*

Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.

### **Post Communion**

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## For our Prayers

**Baptisms and Weddings:** Please pray for those getting married this year and those looking to be baptised.

**Please remember those who are sick or in need:** Jeannette,

**Those whom we keep in our prayers:**

**Please pray for the friends and families of those who have died recently:**

**Worldwide:** For peace in the Middle East

**National:** For God's wisdom and guidance in UK politics

**Church:** For PCC meetings taking place this week

**Local:** Aisholt, Enmore and Goathurst

**With thanks:** For the gift of bees so vital to life, and the care beekeepers provide

## Events this week

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup>** - 9am Morning Prayer Nether Stowey Church

- Quantock Food Bank collection at 11am
- 1pm Aisholt PCC
- 2pm Safeguarding Meeting at Church Centre
- 4:30pm Goathurst PCC
- 7pm Enmore PCC

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>** - 2:30pm Spaxton PCC

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>** - Celtic Morning Prayer at Goathurst

- Wednesday Club at Nether Stowey CC

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>** - 8pm a Moment of Prayer

- Praying in Daily Life at the Rectory at 2:30pm
- Wedding Rehearsal in Over Stowey

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>** - 10am Holy Communion NS Church Centre

- Spaxton Rainbow Café 10:30-12:30
- 10am - 11:15am Stay and Play at Goathurst
- 12pm Wedding of Duncan and Karen at Over Stowey
- 5-7:30pm Kids Night BBQ at Goathurst. Please let Brenda know by Wednesday if you'd like to come. email: [timpetillbrenda@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:timpetillbrenda@hotmail.co.uk) or phone 07790 825207

## **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:

**'Be joyful, keep the faith, do the little things'**

Last words of St David

## Next Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Pentecost

9.30am Holy Communion at Holford

11.00am Morning Worship at Enmore

11:00am Holy Communion at Nether Stowey Church

11:00am Morning Worship at Spaxton

11:00am Family Service at Stringston

6:30pm Holy Communion at Goathurst

## Readings for Pentecost

**Acts 2.1-21** *The Holy Spirit comes at Pentecost and Peter addresses the people*

**John 20.19-23** *Jesus appears to the disciples and says 'Peace be with you'*

**or John 7.37-39** *'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink'*

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

### **Regular Events**

**Goathurst Coffee Morning:** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 11:00am

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

**Holford Coffee Morning:** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 10:00am

**Enmore Coffee and Book Exchange:** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June

**Goathurst Handbells** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays 4-5:00pm

**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 ...**

**Heart for India** Sat 30<sup>th</sup> May Victor & friends will be at the Church Centre for lunch and a talk. Please come and support them. All welcome. Please let Jennifer 733007 or Miriam 733800 know if you would like lunch.

**Praying in daily life 21<sup>st</sup> May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> June** A series of four 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.

**Deanery Mission Project - Sam Searle from this year's Project, the Salvation Army,** will be speaking at the Benefice Service in Nether Stowey on Sunday 31st May at 11:00am.

Sam Searle runs the Watchet Salvation Army corps, which provides supplies for homeless people across West Somerset things like blankets, duvets, towels, mugs and thermos flasks – even tents. Come and hear the latest news!

**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.

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