

4th week – 22nd-28th February

This week we pray for the parishes of Holford, Kilve and Nether Stowey.

- We give thanks and pray for the Guiding Movement on World Thinking Day (22nd).
- We pray for the staff and students of Nether Stowey School as interviews for their next Headteacher are conducted.
- We thank you for those who clean and maintain our churches and churchyards.
- We thank you for the Diocesan Year of Prayer; for the opportunity to deepen our relationship with you and share your love with our communities.
- We pray for our work with children and young people, particularly new projects starting in our villages.
- We take a moment to pray for our communities at 8.00pm on Thursday (26th).
- We pray for the work of the Salvation Army in Watchet and Minehead, our Deanery Mission Project for this year.

Task: Have a cup of tea or coffee with a friend or neighbour who is having a difficult time.

Collect for Lent

Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:
create and make in us new and contrite hearts
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
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. Amen.

Diocesan Prayer for Growth and Transformation

Loving God
You alone bring growth to your Church and transformation to our communities.
We give thanks for the ways in which you are already at work in our lives and world.
As we look to the future, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning,
wisdom to our actions, and grace in living and telling your story.
Help our churches to grow in commitment to you, in numbers and diversity,
and in partnership with our local communities in all that gives life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Quantock Villages Benefice

Aisholt, Enmore, Goathurst, Holford with Dodington, Kilve with Kilton and Lilstock, Nether Stowey, Over Stowey, Spaxton with Charllynch, Stringston



February 2026 Prayer Diary

1st week - 1st-7th February

This week we pray for the parishes of Over Stowey, Stringston and Spaxton.

- As we celebrate Candlemas (2nd) and Jesus' encounter with Simeon and Anna, we give thanks for the faithful witness and wisdom of the older generation.
- We pray for those affected by the flooding and stormy weather in recent weeks, especially those on the Somerset Levels.
- We pray for those who will attend First Friday services in Nether Stowey and Spaxton (6th); children, staff, parents and families.
- We pray for lesson readers, preachers and intercession leaders and all who share the Good News. May seeds be sown and understanding develop as we hear familiar scripture anew.
- We pray for those preparing for marriage later this year.
- We take a moment to pray for our communities at 8.00pm on Thursday (5th).
- We pray for our new bishop, Fiona, as she is consecrated in a service at Southwark Cathedral (6th).

Task: If you can, spend some time in the fresh air as the days begin to noticeably lengthen.

2nd week - 8th-14th February

This week we pray for Quantock Deanery and the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

- We pray for Bishop Fiona, being welcomed and installed as Bishop of Taunton in Wells Cathedral (8th) as she begins her ministry amongst the people of this diocese of Bath and Wells.
- We thank you for the first sight of the new flowers of spring and for their anticipation of warmer days.
- We take a moment to pray for our communities at 8.00pm on Thursday (12th).
- On St Valentine's Day (14th), we thank you for those we love and those who love us.
- We pray for those who will attend the Pancake Party at Goathurst (14th) and hear about where the celebrations of Shrove Tuesday come from.
- We pray for our Parish Councils and all who provide the vital services to keep our communities functioning well.
- We thank you for our medical centres and hospitals, especially at this time of higher demand.

Task: Think about what you might give up or take up when Lent begins next week.

3rd week – 15th-21st February

This week we pray for the parishes of Aisholt, Enmore and Goathurst.

- We pray for the two children being baptised in the benefice this month (8th and 15th) as they begin their journeys of faith.
- We pray for our schools during their half term break; for safety for children and rest and recuperation for staff.
- As Lent begins (18th), draw us closer to you as we acknowledge our need of your love and journey towards the cross.
- We pray for those undertaking new disciplines during Lent.
- We take a moment to pray for our communities at 8.00pm on Thursday (19th).
- We pray for lasting peace in places of war and conflict and wisdom and courage for world leaders.
- We pray for our farmers as they prepare the ground for the new year.

Task: Acquire a copy of the Benefice Book of Prayers for Lent (available in church or via the Benefice Office) and think about how you might use it.