

Save the date continued ...

A new series of free poetry readings at Coleridge Cottage, Nether Stowey starting Wednesday 22nd July at 1pm - and 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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<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 Stringston



Sunday 30th August – 13th after Trinity

**11:00am Benefice Service of Holy Communion
at Spaxton**

Banns to be read at Spaxton

Readings for the 13th Sunday after Trinity

Romans 12.9-21 *Let love be genuine; overcome evil with good*

Matthew 16.21-28 *Jesus predicts his death; 'Take up your cross'*

Collect for 13th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Or

For our Prayers

Baptisms and Weddings: Please pray for those getting married this year and 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: Nepal- Tibet flash floods

National: Those who care for our land and provide our food and the work of the Farming Community network.

Church: The Deanery Mission Project and the Salvation Army

Local: Children, young people and staff as they return to school this week. Over Stowey, Spaxton and Stringston.

With thanks: For the rain.

Events this week

Monday 31st – Bank Holiday. The Office is closed

- **No Morning Prayer**
- Quantock Food Bank collection

Tuesday 1st Church Centre reopens

Wednesday 2nd - Celtic Morning Prayer at Goathurst

- Wednesday Club summer break until 9th Sep
- Enmore PCC at 6:30pm

Thursday 3rd - 8pm a Moment of Prayer

Friday 4th - 10am Holy Communion NS Church Centre followed by coffee and cake.

- Spaxton Rainbow Café 10:30-12:30pm
- 10am – 11:15am Stay and Play at Goathurst

Saturday 5th - 10am Holford Coffee Morning

- 10am Morning prayers at Over Stowey

Along with others, I received a letter from Bishop Fiona asking us to show our support for farmers. Bishop Fiona mentions that help that can be found through the FCN – Farming Community Network and there is a short video on their website which is worth watching: [Farming Community Network - Farming Community Network](#) (please click on this link) or use FCN in google. The video is half way down the home page.

Two thank yous. Firstly, to all who supported the Barnacle Buoys last Saturday and to all who supported the Over Stowey Pet Service last Sunday. A great time was had by all.

Thought for the week:

*He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
he refreshes my soul.*

Psalm 23: 2-3

Next Sunday 6th September 14th after Trinity

9:30am Harvest Service at Goathurst

11:00am Matins at Aisholt

11:00am Holy Communion at Enmore

11:00am Holy Communion at Kilve

11:00am Morning Worship at Nether Stowey

3:00pm Songs of Praise at Holford

5:00pm Evensong at Spaxton

6:30pm Evensong at Over Stowey

Readings for the 14th Sunday after Trinity

Romans 13.8-end *Awake from sleep – put on the armour of light*

Matthew 18.15-20 *Reprove sinners; bind and loose on earth and in heaven*

In and around the benefice ...

Kilve Coffee Morning: Sat 29th August 10:30am

Enmore Coffee and Book Borrowing: Sat 5th Sep 11am

Holford Coffee Morning: Sat 5th Sep 10:00am

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

Praise and Worship Service at St Peter's Church,

Combwich 13th September @ 6.00pm with Coffee and

Cake afterwards.

Save the Date ...

Heritage Open Days in Goathurst 19th-20th

September from 12 noon -5pm. Come and explore the unique heritage in the village. Entry is free. Refreshments available at the church and at the Temple of Pan. Further details at <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting>

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