

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. This collection is restarting this month. 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.

Finding a way Forward – a gathering of PCC and congregations to think about the way ahead. **Saturday 16th May 2026 in the Nether Stowey Church Centre starting at 9:30am and finishing with a light lunch at 1:30pm.** Please do save the date and come and let your voice be heard in the planning for the time ahead. We'll be thinking about – celebrating our Benefice, Looking forward in hope and then joining it all up and asking, what are our priorities.

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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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 15th March - Mothering Sunday

9:30am Morning Worship for Mothering Sunday, Over Stowey

10:00am Mothering Sunday service at Goathurst

10:00am Morning Worship for Mothering Sunday, Holford

11:00am Holy Communion at Aisholt (BCP)

11:00am Morning Worship for Mothering Sunday, Kilve

11:00am Morning Worship for Mothering Sunday, Nether Stowey Church Centre

11:00am Morning Worship for Mothering Sunday, Spaxton

11:00am Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday, Strington

Readings for Mothering Sunday

***Either** Exodus 2:1-10 Moses is rescued from the reeds by Pharaoh's daughter and brought up as her son.*

***Or** 1 Sam 1:20-end Hannah gives birth to Samuel and offers him to the Lord's service in the Temple.*

***Either** Luke 2:33-35 Simeon predicts that a sword will break Mary's heart.*

***Or** John 19:25b-27 From the cross, Jesus gives Mary into John's care.*

Collect for Mothering Sunday

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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 love, passionate and strong, tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of
eternal life:

help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For our Prayers

Baptisms and Weddings: Please pray for those getting married this year, and for 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: God of unfading hope, breathe peace into every troubled region, bring a healing balm to all the afflicted and ignite our wills so that justice flows like a river and righteousness like a never ending stream. (*Amos 5:24*)

National: Bishop Sarah, who is to be installed as Archbishop of Canterbury on 25th March.

Church: Treasurers and Churchwardens. Deanery Synod 21st March

Local: Village Post Offices. The parishes of Aisholt, Enmore and Goathurst.

With thanks: For the gift of forests—breathing life, shelter, and beauty into our world.

This Week's Events

Monday 16th - 9:00am Morning Prayer Nether Stowey Church

- Quantock Food Bank collection at 11:00am
- Lent Group 2pm-3:30pm, Prior's Farm, Stringston. Contact Sally Bult 07748 307105
- 4:30pm Goathurst PCC
- 6:30pm Enmore PCC

Tuesday 17th - 12:30pm Goathurst Lent Lunch at Halswell House. Contact Ann Manders 07724452839 contact@halswellpark.com

Wednesday 18th - Celtic Morning Prayer at Goathurst

- Wednesday Club Nether Stowey Church Centre
- Lent Group 2:30pm, Spaxton, at Wulf and Carol's home. Contact the Office.
- Lent Group 7pm-8:30pm Nether Stowey Church Centre. Contact Rev'd Eleanor 734777 or Office

Thursday 19th - 8pm A Moment of Prayer

- 7:30pm Deanery Singers Practice at NS Church

Friday 20th - 10am Holy Communion in Church Centre

- 10am-11:15am Stay and Play at Goathurst
- Spaxton Rainbow Café 10:30-12:30
- 12:30 Nether Stowey Lent Lunch, Church Centre

Saturday 21st - Over Stowey Coffee Morning 10:30am

- 1:30pm Deanery Synod at West Quantoxhead

Thought for the week: Prayer is exhaling the spirit of man and inhaling the spirit of God.

Edwin Keith

Next Sunday 22nd March – 5th of Lent

9:30am Holy Communion at Holford

11:00am Morning Worship at Enmore

11:00am Holy Communion, Nether Stowey Church

11:00am Morning Worship at Spaxton

11:00am Family Service at Stringston

6:30pm Holy Communion at Goathurst (preceded by APCM at 5:00pm)

Readings for 5th Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37.1-14 *The valley of dry bones: 'I will put my spirit within you, and you will live'.*

John 11.1-45 *Lazarus dies; Jesus is summoned and calls him to life from his tomb.*

In and around the benefice ...

Regular Events

Over Stowey Coffee Morning: Saturday 21st March 10:30am

Goathurst Coffee Morning: Tuesday 24th March 11:00am

Kilve Coffee Morning: Saturday 28th March 10:30am

Goathurst Handbells 1st & 3rd Saturdays 2-3:00pm

Save the Date ...

A visit from the Bishop of Bath and Wells.

Bishop Michael is planning to walk the Coleridge Way in Holy Week and will be visiting Nether Stowey on Maundy Thursday and into Good Friday (2nd and 3rd of April). He is keen to meet as many people as possible. We very much look forward to seeing him. See insert for further information.



Easter Fair at Kilve

Court on Easter Monday, 6th April, 10am-4pm.

Celebrating its 30th

anniversary this year! Antiques, collectible, jewellery, crafts, local produce. Coffee/ afternoon teas/ light lunches/ cakes. Free Parking. Admission £1 or your donation.

The Somerset Coast Rock Choir East

Quantoxhead Village Hall at 2pm on April 25th Led by Mike Amis. £5, refreshments will be served. Proceeds to East Quantoxhead Church.



Congratulations! to Mr Terry Luke on his appointment as Headteacher at Nether Stowey School. We wish him well in his new role.

Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance Over the last couple of years about £11,400 has been raised in the Quantock Deanery for the Air Ambulance - £2,016 on Steve's charity cycle ride from John O'Groats to Margate; a massive £5,392 from the Deanery Mission Appeal; and about £4,000 sent direct to the Air Ambulance. Thank you all for your support.