

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.

APCM: Dates for this year's church meetings which will be held in the relevant churches
26th April – Enmore (12noon) and 3rd May – Spaxton (5pm)

Harmonia Chamber Choir are giving a concert in the Nether Stowey Church Centre on Saturday 16th May at 7pm. Tickets are £8 from Sue Pow – telephone 01278 662755 or email: harmoniabridgwater@gmail.com

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 26th April – 4th Sunday of Easter

9:30am Holy Communion at Holford

11:00am Morning Worship at Enmore *followed by APCM at 12:00 noon*

11:00am Holy Communion at Nether Stowey Church

11:00am Morning Worship at Spaxton

11:00am Family Service at Strington

6:30pm Holy Communion at Goathurst

Readings for 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 2.42-47 *The converts devote themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship*

John 10.1-10 *Jesus is the good shepherd and the sheep gate*

Collect for 4th Sunday of Easter

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Or

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father

Post Communion for 4th Sunday of Easter

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ
to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For our Prayers

Baptisms and Weddings: Please pray 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: For peace in the Middle East

National: For PCSOs and particularly for our PCSO - Trevor

Church: For the APCMs taking place in April and May

Local: The Parishes of Aisholt, Enmore and Goathurst

With thanks: for the opportunities to be out in the sunshine

Events this week

Monday 27th - 9am Morning Prayer Nether Stowey Church
- Quantock Food Bank collection at 11am
- Electrical works at Enmore Church begin

Tuesday 28th

Wednesday 29th - Celtic Morning Prayer at Goathurst
- Wednesday Club at Nether Stowey CC

Thursday 30th - 8pm a Moment of Prayer

Friday 1st -

- 9:30am Commissioning of Enmore School Pupil Chaplains in Enmore Church.
- 10am Holy Communion NS Church Centre
- Spaxton Rainbow Café 10:30-12:30
- 10am - 11:15am Stay and Play at Goathurst
- 2pm Fabric and Finance meeting

Saturday 2nd - 10am Holford Coffee Morning
- 10am Prayers at Over Stowey Church

A huge thank you for all who supported the Kilve Village Fair. The 30th anniversary Easter Fair at Kilve Court on Easter Monday was a great success raise just over £4000. The lovely weather certainly encouraged visitors, with around 500 on the day, and it was once again a great fundraiser for St Mary's church in Kilve.

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:

"People are unreasonable, illogical and self-centred.
Love them anyway"

Mother Teresa

Next Sunday 3rd May – 5th Sunday of Easter

9:30am Family Worship and Rogation walk at Goathurst
9.30am Morning Worship at Holford
11.00am Matins at Aisholt (BCP)
11:00am Holy Communion at Enmore
11:00am Holy Communion at Kilve
11:00am Morning Worship at Nether Stowey (CC)
5:00pm Evensong at Spaxton
6:30pm Evensong at Over Stowey

Banns at Over Stowey

Readings for 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 7.55-60 *The stoning of Stephen*

John 14.1-14 *'In my Father's house there are many dwelling places'*

In and around the benefice ...

Regular Events

Holford Coffee Morning: Saturday 2nd May 10:00am

Enmore Book Swap: Saturday 2nd May

Goathurst Coffee Morning: Tuesday 28th April 11:00am

Kilve Coffee Morning: Saturday 25th April 10:30am

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

Save the Date ...

Finding a way Forward – a gathering of PCCs and congregations to think about the way ahead. **Saturday 16th May 2026** in Nether Stowey Church Centre

starting at 9:30am and finishing with a light lunch at 1:30pm. Please do come and let your voice be heard.

Please sign up on the sheets in churches if you're coming and we can set tables out and prepare for refreshments and lunch

On Wednesday 29th April in Nether Stowey Church Centre from 7pm to 7:30pm we will be having a time of prayer for this event. All are welcome.

Deanery Music Weekend from 5th-7th June 2026.

There will be musical events through the Deanery. Please more details available on the Posters. Please book with Alison in the Office if you plan to come to the starred events.

Heart for India Sat 30th 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 14th & 21st May & 3rd & 11th June

a series of four 75-minute sessions exploring different approaches to prayer. For details and to register an interest, please contact Rev'd Eleanor

