

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.

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

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

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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 10th May - 6th of Easter - Rogation

9:30am Holy Communion at Goathurst

9.30am Holy Communion at Over Stowey

11.00am Holy Communion at Nether Stowey (Church)

11:00am Holy Communion at Spaxton

11:00am Café Church at Holford Village Hall

6:30pm Evensong at Aisholt (BCP)

Banns at Nether Stowey and Over Stowey

Readings for 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 17.22-31 *Paul speaks of the 'unknown God' in front of the Areopagus*

John 14.15-21 *'If you love me, you will keep my commandments'*

Collect for 6th Sunday of Easter

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
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

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.

Post Communion for 6th Sunday of Easter

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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: Families across the world on International Day of Families (15th May)

National: For teachers and pupils doing SATS this week.

Church: For 'Finding the Way Forward'

Local: Over Stowey, Spaxton with Charlynch, and Strington

With thanks: On Somerset Day (11th May) for the beauty of this part of the world and the people who live and work here

Events this week

Monday 11th - 9am Morning Prayer Nether Stowey Church

- Quantock Food Bank collection at 11am
- 11am Ministry Team meeting
- 7:30pm Nether Stowey PCC

Tuesday 12th - 3pm Kilve PCC

Wednesday 13th - Celtic Morning Prayer at Goathurst

- Wednesday Club at Nether Stowey CC
- 2:30pm Holford PCC
- 6:30pm Over Stowey PCC

Thursday 14th - 8pm a Moment of Prayer

- United Deanery Eucharist for Ascension Day 7pm at St Mary the Virgin, Cannington

Friday 15th - 10am Holy Communion NS Church Centre

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

Saturday 16th - 10:30am Over Stowey Coffee Morning

- Finding a Way Forward (see details below)



Finding a way Forward - a gathering of PCCs and congregations to think about the way ahead in **Nether Stowey Church Centre from 9:30am finishing with a light lunch at 1:30pm for those who wish to stay.** All are welcome. Please

come and let your voice be heard. It would be very helpful if you could sign up on the sheets in the churches, so we can set tables out and prepare for refreshments & lunch.

Praise and Worship Service at St Peter's Church, Combwich on the Second Sunday of the Month @ 6.00pm. The next one is on Sunday 10th May, with Coffee and Cake afterwards. EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Deanery Eucharist for Ascension Day on Thursday 14th May at 7:00pm St Mary the Virgin, Cannington

Sunday 17th May – Sunday after Ascension

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 Evening Songs of Praise at Dodington

Holy Baptism at Kilve

Readings for Sunday after Ascension

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*

In and around the benefice ...

Regular Events

Nether Stowey Coffee Morning: Sat 9th May 10:30am

Over Stowey Coffee Morning: Sat 16th May 10:30am

Goathurst Handbells 1st & 3rd Saturdays 4-5:00pm

Save the Date ...

Songs of Praise at Dodington 6:30pm Sun. 17th May
A rare opportunity to enjoy worship in this beautiful church.

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

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.



Deanery Music Weekend

from 5th-7th June 2026. There will be musical events throughout the

Deanery. More details are available on the Posters. 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. The project supports the homeless across West Somerset. Collection boxes are available in the churches and from the benefice office.

Thought for the week:

'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness'

2 Corinthians 12.9