

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 Strington



Sunday 27th September 17th after Trinity

9:30am Harvest Service at Holford

11:00am Morning Worship at Enmore

11:00am Holy Communion for Harvest at Nether Stowey Church *followed by Harvest Community Lunch*

11:00am Harvest Morning Worship at Spaxton *followed by lunch*

11:00am Family Service at Strington

3:00pm Baptism of Albie at Goathurst

6:30pm Holy Communion at Goathurst (BCP)

Readings for the 17th Sunday after Trinity

Philippians 2.1-13 *Christ humbled himself; now God has exalted him*

Matthew 21.23-32 *The chief priests challenge Jesus' authority; a parable of two sons and a vineyard*

Collect for 17th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

Lord, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
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: For those attempting to broker peace in the Middle East and between Russia and Ukraine.

National: For young people setting off to university, leaving home, perhaps for the first time.

Church: Harvest services and suppers.

Local: Aisholt, Enmore, Goathurst.

With thanks: For local shops and services.

Events this week

Monday 28th - 9am Morning Prayer at N Stowey Church

- Quantock Food Bank collection

Wednesday 30th - Celtic Morning Prayer at Goathurst

- Wednesday Club at Nether Stowey.
- 2pm Thanksgiving service for Robbie Rutt at Kilve
- Group Mission Team mtg at 7pm in the NS CC

Thursday 1st - 8pm a Moment of Prayer

- 7:30pm Deanery Singers rehearsal in Church Centre

Friday 2nd - 10am Holy Communion NS Church Centre

- Spaxton Rainbow Café 10:30 -12:30pm
- 10am - 11:15am Stay and Play at Goathurst
- 10:30am Nether Stowey School Harvest Service in church
- 2:30pm Spaxton School Harvest Service in church

Kompost Compostable Food Waste Bags & Caddy Liners, These bags are made in Ukraine, from potato starch. Our friend Clare in Stogursey has been working on the design, packaging and promotion for ages and launched the product on 1st September. Available on Amazon, the bags come in various sizes. Profits go to Ukrainian farmers. Follow the link to purchase <https://amzn.eu/d/04uLjAhf>

Thanksgiving Services will be held for the lives of Robbie Rutt at 2pm on Wednesday 30th September in Kilve Church, and for Margaret Baker at 2pm on Friday 9th October in Holford Church.

An in-person **Safeguarding Foundation training course** held in the Nether Stowey Church Centre on Saturday 7th November from 10:00am to 12:30pm. Please book with Alison if you would like to attend.

Next Sunday 4th October 18th after Trinity

9:30am Family Worship at Goathurst

9:30am Morning Worship at Holford

11:00am Harvest Matins at Aisholt

11:00am Harvest Service of the Word at Enmore

11:00am Holy Communion at Kilve

11:00am Morning Worship at Nether Stowey C Centre

5:00pm Evensong at Spaxton

6:30pm Harvest Evensong at Over Stowey

Readings for the 18th Sunday after Trinity

Philippians 3.4b-14 *Paul regards all gains as loss compared with knowing Christ*

Matthew 21.33-end *The parable of the wicked tenants*

In and around the benefice ...

Kilve Coffee Morning: Saturday 26th Sept 10:30am

Goathurst Coffee morning: Tuesday 29th Sept 11:00am

Holford Coffee Morning: Saturday 3rd October 10:00am

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

Praise and Worship Service at St Peter's Church,

Combwich 11th October @ 6.00pm with Coffee and Cake afterwards.

Save the Date ...



Harvest Supper at Enmore Memorial

Hall Friday 2nd October. Come and enjoy a traditional ploughman's supper. Tickets £15

from mvc31@yahoo.co.uk or Rosalie 01279 671 337

Rosalie.burge2016@gmail.com.

Choral Evensong with the Choir of Wells

Cathedral Sunday 11th October at 3pm in Kilve

Church followed by refreshments. Please let Alison in the Benefice Office know you are coming so that we can make sure there are seats for all. It may be helpful to know that they will be a toilet on site.

Wrington Joyful Choir Concert on Saturday

3rd October at Victory Hall, Stogursey at 7:30pm.

Everything from Pop to Rock! Bar from 6:30pm.

Tickets £10/ £5 for under 16's. Pay at door, cash or card.



The Rural Forum 2026 will be held on Monday 9th

November at Bagley Baptist Church with a focus on pilgrimage and the rural church - A spiritual journey connecting faith, place and people. More details to follow.

Deanery Choral Evensong on Sunday 25th October at 3pm at Cannington Church. The Dean of Wells, the Very Reverend Toby Wright will be preaching. All are welcome.

Thought for the week:

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God
Philippians 4.6