

Save the date continued ...

25th October – Deanery Evensong at Cannington with the Dean of Wells preaching. This will be in the afternoon.

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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www.quantockvillagesbenefice.org.uk/safeguarding

<https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/diocese/safeguarding/>



Quantock Villages Benefice

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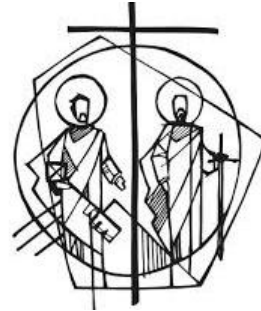
Benefice News



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 28th June – 4th after Trinity

9:30am Holy Communion at Holford (BCP)

11:00am Morning Worship at Enmore

11:00am Holy Communion at Nether Stowey Church

11:00am Morning Worship at Spaxton

11:00am Family Service at Strington

6:30pm Songs of Praise at Over Stowey (*drinks from 5:30pm*)

6:30pm Holy Communion at Goathurst (BCP)

Readings for 4th Sunday after Trinity

Romans 6.12-end *From slave of sin to slaves of righteousness*

Matthew 10.40-end *'Whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me'*

Collect for 4th Sunday after Trinity

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Or

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Post Communion

Eternal God,
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,
that all the world may acknowledge
the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: For those who go hungry day by day

National: The political situation in Britain

Church: We pray for all those being ordained, for their loved ones, and for all who support them.

Local: Over Stowey, Spaxton and Stringston

With thanks: For those called to be ordained

Petertide ordinations will take place on Saturday 27 June and Sunday 28 June across our diocese. Twelve people are being ordained as priests and six as deacons.

Events this week

Monday 29th - 9am Morning Prayer N. Stowey Church

- Quantock Food Bank collection at 11am

Wednesday 1st - Celtic Morning Prayer at Goathurst

- Wednesday Club at Nether Stowey
- Enmore PCC at 6:30pm

Thursday 2nd - 8pm a Moment of Prayer

Friday 3rd - 10am Holy Communion NS Church Centre

- 1st Friday – Nether Stowey CC at 10:45am
- Spaxton Rainbow Café 10:30-12:30
- 10am -11:15am Stay and Play at Goathurst
- 2:45pm 1st Friday – Spaxton Church

Saturday 4th - 10am Holford Coffee Morning

- Nether Stowey School Fete from 2pm on the Rec
- 10am Prayer at Over Stowey Church

Funeral and celebration of the life of Enid Susan Berg

Wednesday 8th July. Funeral service at 11.15am in Canford Crematorium (BS9 3UN) with a celebration of Sue's life at 12:30pm in St Augustine's Chapel, St Monica's Retirement Home (BS9 3PQ). Followed by lunch. If you would like to go to the funeral let Alison in the office know, Brenda Smith has offered to share transport.

From 20th July, Steve Atkinson is cycling from London via Somerset to Lands' End. **He will call at The Church Centre on Fri. 24th July at 10am for Holy Communion followed by coffee and cake, before continuing his journey. Join us if you can.** Any donations received will go to the Deanery Mission Appeal.

Thought for the week:

"We turn to God for help when our foundations are shaking only to learn that it is God shaking them."

Charles West

Next Sunday 5th July – 5th after Trinity

9:30am Family Worship 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 Church Centre

5:00pm Evensong at Spaxton (BCP)

6:30pm Evensong at Over Stowey (BCP)

Readings for 5th Sunday after Trinity

Romans 7.15-25a *Enslaved to the law of sin that dwells within me*

Matthew 11.16-19,25-30 *Jesus and tax collectors and sinners; 'For my yoke is easy'*

In and around the benefice ...

Regular Events

Kilve Coffee Morning: Saturday 27th June 10:30am

Goathurst Coffee Morning: Tuesday 30th June 11:00am

Enmore Coffee and Book Borrowing: Saturday 4th July 11am

Holford Coffee Morning: Saturday 4th July 10:00am

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

Praise and Worship Service at St Peter's Church, Combwich 12th July @ 6.00pm. with Coffee and Cake afterwards.

News

Glyn and Keith to all who joined us on Fri 19th - we had a lovely time, and it seemed like you did too!

Thanks for your company, your singing, and your generous donations, amounting to £200, towards Church Centre upkeep. See you next time...

At **Deanery Synod** we said thank you to Revd Alison Waters as she completed her term as our Area Dean and we welcomed Revd Mark Phillips as our new Area Dean. Mark is Incumbent for Watchett and Williton Benefice.

Save the Date ...



Deanery Pilgrimage Walk 18th July from

noon, largely following the coastal path, and crossing all four of the benefices of the Deanery

from St Decuman's Holy Well in Watchet to St Andrew's Holy Well in Stogursey. Bishop Fiona will be joining the walk.

In-person Safeguarding Foundation Course -

Saturday 25th July at 10:00am to 12:30pm led by Sarah King. Please book with Alison in the Office.

The Barnacle Buoys at Goathurst. An outdoor concert in the grounds of Halswell House. **Sat 22 Aug 2026 5pm-**

7pm. BYO picnic, chairs, blankets etc. Tickets £10, children free. All proceeds go to: Children's Hospice South West, RNLI and the Talk Club who support men's mental health. A donation will also be made to Church funds. Tickets at <https://buytickets.at/thebarnaclebuoys/2252284>

A new series of free poetry readings at Coleridge Cottage starting Wednesday 22nd July at 1pm - and every Wednesday till the end of October. Please speak to Michael for more information.