

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>30<sup>th</sup></b> We pray for the parishes of Aisholt, Enmore and Goathurst.	<b>31<sup>st</sup></b> As we journey towards the Cross, and then the empty tomb, pray for the services and activities taking place across the Benefice this week.	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b> Pray for all those who are grieving, unwell, lonely or struggling in any way this Easter. May we show them Christ's love this week	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> On Maundy Thurs we remember Jesus in the Garden. Thank God for his commitment to us, ask him to help us surrender to his will. <i>Luke 22:42</i>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> On Good Fri we remember Jesus on the cross; our sins held him there. Thank God for his deep love for us. Ask God for forgiveness for times we forget this. <i>Luke 23:42</i>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b> On Holy Sat we pray for those we know who do not know the truth and hope of the death and resurrection of Jesus. <i>John 3:16</i>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b> On Easter Sunday we proclaim Christ is risen! Thank God that the power that raised Jesus lives in us. <i>Romans 8:11</i>
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b> Pray for our Ministry Team – Eleanor, Dawn, Stephen, Viv, Alison, Sarah, Sally and Sarah. Pray they have energy, wisdom, grace and deep love for our communities	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b> Pray for the schools in our Benefice and all their children and staff. Pray they are happy, safe places for all; Pray all staff and children have a good, restful holiday.	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b> Pray for toddler groups in our villages, those who run them preparing for the term ahead, and for parents, carers and children who attend.	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b> Pray for good relationships between our churches and schools; thank God for opportunities we have to take the Gospel into schools.	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b> Pray for those across the world who do not have sufficient, if any, access to schools. Thank God for charities seeking to provide educational resources and workers.	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b> Thank God for coffee mornings around the Benefice. Pray for good fellowship and that we invite friends along, and show them loving, fun, Christian community.	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b> Pray that we have great confidence in our risen Saviour and his grace and love. Pray we have a deep desire to share the reason for the hope that we have.
<b>13<sup>th</sup></b> We pray for the parishes of Holford, Kilve and Nether Stowey.	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b> We thank God for all he provides us with that we so often take for granted such as food, clothing and accommodation.	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b> We remember all who are homeless or are at risk of being made homeless in this country. Pray they can find safe places to go, food to eat and people to talk to.	<b>16<sup>th</sup></b> We remember food banks in West Somerset, Bridgwater and across the country. Give thanks for those who donate, sort or distribute food.	<b>17<sup>th</sup></b> Pray for those living in areas of famine or food shortage throughout the world. Pray for aid agencies who seek to reach those in need.	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b> Pray for local shops and their workers who serve our communities, often working long hours in uncertain financial times.	<b>19<sup>th</sup></b> Pray for the APCMs happening across the benefice this month, and those that have already happened.
<b>20<sup>th</sup></b> Pray for those who serve in our churches: music teams, sides persons, those who serve teas, arrange flowers, clean, organise activities for children, serve on PCCs or committees or are Church Wardens.	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b> We thank God for our local area and for the countryside and its beauty. Pray for safety for those out and about enjoying it. Take time today to appreciate signs of spring and new life.	<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b> On Earth Day we thank God for his creation, ask for wisdom to protect it, grace to change our attitudes of greed and entitlement concerning natural resources and strength to act as responsible stewards.	<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b> On St George's Day we remember how St George was tortured and killed for his faith. Pray we are convicted by his resolve; thank God for the freedom we have to follow Christ and pray for the Persecuted Church	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b> Pray for our Bishops and Archbishops as they lead the Church; pray for Christians in government or positions of authority as they lead our country – pray they speak out for what is right and use their positions for good.	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b> Pray for our farmers as the seasons change; for new life and strong, healthy growth; for those farmers feeling the impact of the cost of living crisis; for good weather to help with planting and sowing.	<b>26<sup>th</sup></b> We remember in our prayers the elderly in our community and all who care for them. Pray they feel loved, valued and involved in our communities.
<b>27<sup>th</sup></b> We pray for the parishes of Over Stowey, Spaxton with Charlynch and Stringston.	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b> We pray for lasting peace in places of war and conflict and wisdom and courage for world leaders. We particularly pray for the situation in Iran.	<b>29<sup>th</sup></b> We pray for the work of the Salvation Army in Watchet and Minehead, our Deanery Mission Project for this year.	<b>30<sup>th</sup></b> Today we give thanks for those who look after our health and wellbeing; for all who work at our GP surgeries, district nurses, midwives, health visitors and NHS staff.	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b> We remember the wonderful work of the bin men today. We thank God for their efforts come rain or shine to keep our homes and streets clean.	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> Pray for all our emergency services – fire, police, ambulance and air ambulance workers and support workers. Give thanks for their work and the lives they protect and save.	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> Give thanks for a new month ahead, and for the month we have just had. We ask God to help us to carry the joy of Easter and the hope of the Resurrection into this next month too.

## Some prayers you might like to use this month

Lord God, Forgive those things we have done which have caused you sadness, and those things we should have done that would have brought you joy.

In both we have failed ourselves, and you.

Bring us back to that place where our journey began, when we said that we'd follow the way you first trod.

Lead us to the Cross; meet us there in our brokenness.

Show us the empty tomb and fill our hearts once more with joy and wonder at our Risen Lord Jesus. Change and transform our hearts so that we might wholeheartedly serve you in our daily lives.

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Heavenly Father, as Jesus resisted temptation by the Devil in the wilderness, help us reflect on his faithfulness to you, his rejection of worldly values and his determination to keep his eyes, heart and mind focused on you. Help us to hold these thoughts in our hearts throughout Holy Week and throughout the month ahead.

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Lord God, help us to make a difference to those around us. Help us to be salt and light in our villages. Give us a deep love for our neighbours and communities which leads to a desire to share the Good News and may we do so with boldness.

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The cross, we will take it.  
The bread, we will break it.  
The pain, we will bear it.  
The joy, we will share it.  
The Gospel, we will live it.  
The love, we will give it.  
The light, we will cherish it.  
The dark, God shall banish it.

## This month, let Easter linger a little longer.

*Dear Lord, I want the truth of Easter to truly sink in. Help me dwell on your truth and stay focused on you. Amen*

Read Matthew 28:1-10

*"Do not be afraid" v5*

Heavenly Father, I hand over to you those things that make me so anxious and afraid, those things that make me doubt and those things that hold me back. Help me to trust you. Please resurrect the parts of my faith that are affected by my fear and anxieties.

*"I know that you are looking for Jesus" v5*

Lord God, when I feel lost and crave answers, guidance, security or assurance, help me to look for with confidence. Help me to know that the answer to every longing can be found in you.

*"He has risen" v6*

Gracious God, help me to truly believe this. Help me to live in light of the resurrection, trusting you more, obeying you more and resembling you more.

*"Come and see" v6*

Risen Lord, thank you that you have invited me to see for myself that you have indeed risen, just as the angels invited the women in to the tomb to see for themselves. Forgive me when I get caught up in the busyness of life and rush about every day without coming to see you, your word and your insights for myself. Help me to make time to be in your presence.

*"Then go quickly and tell his disciples" v7*

Jesus, thank you that the gospel is for everyone. Help me to not act as though I were a secret keeper of it and of my faith. I want to be bold and proclaim your truth for you and with you, because of you. Help me, loved, redeemed and wanted, to see that those around me need to know that they are also loved, redeemed and wanted.

# April 2026

## Prayer Diary for the Quantock Villages Benefice

*Aisholt, Enmore, Goathurst, Holford with Doddington,  
Kilve, Nether Stowey, Over Stowey, Spaxton with  
Charlynch and Strington*



