

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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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 Stringston



Sunday 11th October 19th after Trinity

9:30am Holy Communion at Goathurst

9:30am Morning Worship 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

3:00pm Evensong with Wells Cathedral Choir at Kilve

Readings for the 19th Sunday after Trinity

Philippians 4.1-9 *Stand firm, help each other, rejoice in the Lord always*

Matthew 22.1-14 *The parable of the wedding banquet*

Collect for 19th Sunday after Trinity

O God, forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
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

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service
of 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: An end to racism, discrimination, displacement and hostility.

National: Those struggling to have a place to call home – safe homes for all.

Church: For Archdeacon Simon and his visit to the benefice this month.

Local: Over Stowey, Spaxton with Charlynch, and Strington

With thanks: For grandparents, and honorary grandparents for their love, wisdom, stories, and guidance

Events this week

Monday 12th - 9am Morning Prayer at N Stowey Church

- Quantock Food Bank collection

Tuesday 13th

Wednesday 14th - Celtic Morning Prayer at Goathurst

- Wednesday Club at Nether Stowey.

Thursday 15th - 8pm a Moment of Prayer

- 7:30pm Deanery Singers rehearsal in NS Church

Friday 16th - 10am Holy Communion NS Church Centre

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

Saturday 17th - 10:30am Over Stowey Coffee Morning

On Sunday 25th October, Archdeacon Simon will be coming to visit and learn about what is happening in the Benefice.

In order that he can meet as many folk as possible, there will be a Benefice Service of Holy Communion in St Mary's Church, Nether Stowey at 10:30am.

This will be followed by a bring 'n' share lunch in the Church Centre. Please do come along and take this opportunity to meet with AD Simon.

(Please note the earlier time for the Benefice Service. This is to allow folk to go the Deanery Choral Evensong at 3pm)

Thought for the week:

The 'living bible' people read, is you
Source unknown

Next Sunday 18th October 20th after Trinity

9:30am Holy Communion at Over Stowey

11:00am Holy Communion at Aisholt (BCP)

11:00am Morning Worship at Kilve

11:00am Morning Worship at Nether Stowey C Centre

11:00am Holy Communion at Strington

4:00pm Taizé Service at Enmore

6:30pm Evensong at Dodington

Readings for the 20th Sunday after Trinity

1 Thessalonians 1.1-10 *Paul gives thanks for the Thessalonians' faith and example*

Matthew 22.15-22 *Should we pay taxes to God or Caesar?*

In and around the benefice ...

Over Stowey Coffee Morning: 10:30am Sat 17th Oct

Kilve Coffee Morning: Saturday 24th Oct 10:30am

Goathurst Coffee Morning: Tuesday 27th Oct 11:00am

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

Praise & Worship Service at St Peter's Church, Combwich
8th November @ 6.00pm with Coffee & Cake.

Save the Date ...

Dodington Evensong service on 18th October at 6:30pm a rare opportunity to worship in this beautifully restored church.



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.

An in-person **Safeguarding Foundation training course** will be 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.

The Rural Forum 2026 - Monday 9th November at Bagley Baptist Church. Focussing on pilgrimage, our keynote speaker is Revd Sally. This is a free event, includes lunch and is open to all. To book your place - [please register via the online form linked here](#). Places going fast!

Goathurst Quiz Saturday 21st November at 7.30pm, (not 14th as advertised). Teams of 4 enter by sending to gmodley@yahoo.co.uk £16.00 per team, payment on the door please. BYOD. Teas & coffees available. Raffle.

All Souls Services Sunday 1st November at 3:30pm in Goathurst, Kilve and Nether Stowey, during which we take a moment to remember loved ones who have died during the past year, or longer ago. Light a candle, say a prayer or just be there for them. If you would like the name of your loved one read out, please contact Revd Eleanor (734777), or the Benefice Office (732855) or pass the name to one of the Churchwardens.