

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

Find Quantock Villages Benefice on Facebook for more information and updates as well as to see photos from past events

<https://www.facebook.com/qv.benefice>

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 13th September 15th 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 Harvest Service at Stringston (*followed by lunch in church*)

6:30pm Evensong at Aisholt

Banns to be read in Nether Stowey

Readings for the 15th Sunday after Trinity

Romans 14.1-12 *Do not judge for we are all accountable to God*

Matthew 18.21-35 *Seventy-seven times forgiveness? The unforgiving servant*

Collect for 15th Sunday after Trinity

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:

grant that your people may be fervent

in the fellowship of the gospel

that, always abiding in you,

they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;

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

Lord God,

defend your Church from all false teaching

and give to your people knowledge of your truth,

that we may enjoy eternal life

in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,

keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,

and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For our Prayers

Baptisms and Weddings: Please pray for Kye and Louise and Jo and Hannah, both couples getting married on Saturday 19th September; and for Freddie being baptised on Sunday 20th September.

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: Irene, Bruce, Jeannette, Rachel, Margaret, Kev and David.

Those whom we keep in our prayers: Lindy, Abbi, Nathan, Esme Salvidge, Felix, Garth and Kathleen Rogers, Doreen Cole, Richard Gulliver, Patricia Ford, Maureen Anderson, David James, Rosie Chesterton, Barbara Daniels, Bablu, and others known to us.

Please pray for the friends and families of those who have died recently: Robbie Rutt, Margaret Baker, Nick Wright

Worldwide: Ukraine

National: The Prime Minister

Church: Harvest services and suppers

Local: Holford with Dodington, Kilve, Nether Stowey

With thanks: For daily reminders of the beauty of the earth

Events this week

Monday 14th - 9am Morning Prayer at N Stowey Church

- Quantock Food Bank collection
- 11am Ministry Team meeting

Wednesday 16th - Celtic Morning Prayer at Goathurst

- Wednesday Club at Nether Stowey.
- Strington PCC 2:30pm

Thursday 17th - 8pm a Moment of Prayer

- Quiet Day, Flourishing in a multi-parish benefice 10am-4pm
- 7:30pm Deanery Singers rehearsal in Church

Friday 18th - 10am Holy Communion NS Church Centre

- Spaxton Rainbow Café 10:30 -12:30pm
- 10am - 11:15am Stay and Play at Goathurst
- 2pm Thanksgiving service for Nick Wright

Saturday 19th - 10:30am Over Stowey Coffee Morning

- Wedding of Kye and Louise in Spaxton 12:30pm
- Wedding of Hannah and Jo in Nether Stowey at 1pm
- Goathurst heritage Open Days 12pm-5pm

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. Currently available on Amazon, the bags come in various sizes. Profits go to Ukrainian farmers, and the packaging is done by Ukrainian soldiers while waiting for prosthetic limbs. Follow the link below to purchase

<https://amzn.eu/d/04uLjAhf>

Thought for the week:

How often we look upon God as our last and feeblest resource! We go to him because we have nowhere else to go. And then we learn that the storms of life have driven us, not upon the rocks, but into the desired haven

George MacDonald

Next Sunday 20th September 16th after Trinity

9:30am Holy Communion at Over Stowey

11:00am Holy Communion at Aisholt

11:00am Morning Worship at Nether Stowey CC

11:00am Holy Communion at Strington

3:00pm Harvest Service at Kilve

4:00pm Taizé Service at Enmore

6:30pm Evensong at Holford

Banns to be read in Nether Stowey

Holy Baptism at Holford

Readings for the 16th Sunday after Trinity

Philippians 1.21-end *Living is Christ and dying is gain: live worthy lives*

Matthew 20.1-16 *Parable of the labourers in the vineyard*

In and around the benefice ...

Over Stowey Coffee Morning: Sat 19th Sept 10:30am

Kilve Coffee Morning: Sat 27th Sept 10:30

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

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 ...

Heritage Open Days in Goathurst 19th-20th

September from 12 noon -5pm. Come and explore the unique heritage in the village. Entry is free. Refreshments available at the church and at the Temple of Pan. Further details at <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting>

Flourishing in a multi-parish benefice a deanery quiet study day. Thursday 17th September at Hill House from 10am -4pm including lunch. Led by the Rev'd Sharon Roberts. All are welcome to attend. For further details and to book your place, please contact Andrew Tatham

Andrew.tatham1949@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.



Community Harvest Lunch at St Mary's Church Centre Sunday 27th September

12:45pm for 1:00pm. To book your place please contact the Benefice Office on 01278 732855 before 22nd Sept.

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.

Over Stowey Harvest Supper on Saturday 10th

October. Delicious homemade soup, ploughman's and fruit crumble. Tickets £10, contact the Benefice Office to book.