

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

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



Next Sunday 6th September 14th after Trinity

9:30am Harvest Service at Goathurst

11:00am Matins at Aisholt

11:00am Holy Communion at Enmore

11:00am Holy Communion at Kilve

11:00am Morning Worship at Nether Stowey

3:00pm Songs of Praise at Holford

5:00pm Evensong at Spaxton

6:30pm Evensong at Over Stowey

Banns to be read in Nether Stowey

Readings for the 14th Sunday after Trinity

Romans 13.8-end *Awake from sleep – put on the armour of light*

Matthew 18.15-20 *Reprove sinners; bind and loose on earth and in heaven*

Collect for 14th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in 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: NGOs promoting social equality, social justice, human rights and democracy

National: Day of Prayer for Schools 9th September

Church: For mental health services and churches locally as they seek to support those who are hurting

Local: Aisholt, Enmore and Goathurst

With thanks: On the Festival of Creation in Christ 6th September, we give thanks for the beautiful world God has gifted to us.

Events this week

Monday 7th - 9am Morning Prayer at N Stowey Church

- Quantock Food Bank collection

Tuesday 8th - 7pm Church Wardens Meeting at Rectory

Wednesday 9th - Celtic Morning Prayer at Goathurst

- Wednesday Club at Nether Stowey returns.
- Holford PCC 2:30pm
- Over Stowey PCC 6:30pm

Thursday 10th - 8pm a Moment of Prayer

- 7:30pm Deanery Singers rehearsal at Church Centre

Friday 11th - 10am Holy Communion NS Church Centre

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

Saturday 12th - 10:30am N Stowey Coffee Morning

Global week of prayer, from 6th - 13th September. Join Christians around the world to pray for people experiencing extreme poverty and injustice.

www.24-7prayer.com/weekofprayer/

Along with others, I received a letter from Bishop Fiona asking us to show our support for farmers. Bishop Fiona mentions that help that can be found through the FCN – Farming Community Network and there is a short video on their website which is worth watching: [Farming Community Network - Farming Community Network](#) (please click on this link) or use FCN in google. The video is halfway down the home page.

Thought for the week:

Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning. Psalm 30:5

Next 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*

In and around the benefice ...

Nether Stowey Coffee Morning: Sat 12th Sept 10:30am

Over Stowey Coffee Morning: Sat 29th Sept 10:30am

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

Praise and Worship Service at St Peter's Church,

Combwich 13th September @ 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

Patronal Choral Evensong Sunday 13th September

6pm at St Mary's Church, Nettlecombe. The music will be led by In Ecclesia. The Right Reverend Nigel Stock will officiate and the service will be followed by refreshments.



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. It's free!



To book your place please contact the Benefice Office on 01278 732855 before 22nd September.