

Save the date continued ...

Deanery Evensong at Cannington on 25th October with the Dean of Wells preaching. This will be at 3pm.

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/>



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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 9th August – 10th 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 Family Worship at Strington

6:30pm Evensong at Aisholt (BCP)

Banns to be read at Spaxton and Nether Stowey

Readings for the 10th Sunday after Trinity

Romans 10.5-15 *Confessing Jesus as Lord leads to salvation*

Matthew 14.22-33 *Jesus walks on water and rescues Peter from sinking*

Collect for 10th Sunday after Trinity

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please you;
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 of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust in you:
look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
through 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 suffering from drought

National: For farmers and growers

Church: Holiday Clubs

Local: Over Stowey, Spaxton with Charlynch, and Stringston

With thanks: for the cooler days

Events this week

Monday 10th - 9am Morning Prayer N. Stowey Church

- Quantock Food Bank collection at 11am

Tuesday 11th

Wednesday 12th - Celtic Morning Prayer at Goathurst

- Wednesday Club summer break until 9th Sep
- Partial eclipse of the sun (from about 6.15pm)

Thursday 13th - 8pm a Moment of Prayer

Friday 14th - 10am Holy Communion NS Church Centre

- Spaxton Rainbow Café 10:30-12:30pm

Saturday 15th - Over Stowey Coffee Morning 10:30am

Experiencing the Psalms During August, at some of the services across the Benefice, we will be diving more deeply into the Book of Psalms through words, in reflections and in music. If you have a favourite Psalm, please let me know and I will see if it can be included. If you are looking for some August reading, why not look at the Psalms. Revd Eleanor

Foundation (Church) Governor vacancy for Nether Stowey School. If you are interested in finding out more about this important role, please do ask Revd Eleanor.

Thought for the week:

When I consider your heavens, the work of your
fingers, the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,
what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?

Psalm 8:3-4

Next Sunday 16th August – 11th after Trinity

9:30am Holy Communion at Over Stowey (BCP)

11:00am Holy Communion at Aisholt (BCP)

11:00am Morning Worship at Kilve

11:00am Morning Worship Nether Stowey Church Centre

11:00am Holy Communion at Stringston

6:30pm Songs of Praise at Enmore

6:30pm Evensong at Holford (BCP)

Banns to be read at Nether Stowey

Readings for the 11th Sunday after Trinity

Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32 *God has given the law so he can be merciful to all*

Matthew 15. [10-20], 21-28 *The Canaanite woman's daughter is healed*

In and around the benefice ...

Over Stowey Coffee Morning: Sat 15th August 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 ...

The Nether Stowey Village Flower Show is being held on **Saturday 15th August** at St Mary's Church Centre in Nether Stowey for 2:00pm to 4:30pm

Songs of Praise at St Michaels Church Enmore on

Sunday 16th August. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy homemade tea and cakes. at 5:30pm, followed by your chosen hymns at 6:30pm. Please get in touch with Michael Hopkins on 01278 671296 and he will pop them on his list.

Cream Tea in Goathurst Churchyard – Saturday 16th August 3-5pm. Join us for a lazy afternoon with delicious cakes and friends.

The Barnacle Buoys at Goathurst. An outdoor concert in the grounds of Halswell House. **Sat 22 Aug 2026 5pm-7pm.** Bar available. BYO picnic, chairs, blankets etc. Tickets £10, children free. Proceeds to: Children's Hospice Southwest, RNLI and the Talk Club. A donation will also be made to Church funds. Tickets on the gate or <https://buytickets.at/thebarnaclebuoys/2252284>

Pet Service at Over Stowey Church on Sunday 23rd

August at 3pm, in the churchyard, weather permitting.

The service will be followed by a cream tea. We look forward to welcoming all animals great and small, and their people too of course.

Flourishing in a multi-parish benefice a Quantock Group Ministry quiet study day. Thursday 17th September at Hill House. All welcome. Details to follow.

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.