

Save the date continued ...

25th October – Deanery Evensong at Cannington with the Dean of Wells preaching. This will be in the afternoon.

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 5th July – 5th after Trinity

9:30am Family Worship at Goathurst

9:30am Morning Worship at Holford

11:00am Matins at Aisholt (BCP)

11:00am Holy Communion at Enmore

11:00am Holy Communion at Kilve

11:00am Morning Worship at Nether Stowey Church Centre

5:00pm Evensong at Spaxton (BCP)

6:30pm Evensong at Over Stowey (BCP)

Readings for 5th Sunday after Trinity

Romans 7.15-25a *Enslaved to the law of sin that dwells within me*

Matthew 11.16-19,25-30 *Jesus and tax collectors and sinners; 'For my yoke is easy'*

Collect for 5th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in
holiness and truth to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Or

Almighty God, send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the
gospel your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered
by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve
you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today, we pray for our Diocesan link with Zambia

*Gracious and Loving God, we thank you for the unity of
believers across nations, for the bond of love between the
church in Zambia and the church in Bath and Wells. May this
relationship continue to be a source of encouragement,
learning, and mutual support in Your mission.*

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 dealing with the aftermath of earthquakes in Venezuela and other natural disasters

National: The political situation in Britain

Church: This week, we join the Diocesan Week of prayer for children and young people

Local: Aisholt, Enmore & Goathurst

With thanks: For moments spent enjoying God's creation

Events this week

Diocesan Week of Prayer for children & young people

Monday 6th - 9am Morning Prayer N. Stowey Church

- Quantock Food Bank collection at 11am
- 11am Ministry Team meeting
- Nether Stowey PCC at 7:30pm

Tuesday 7th - Kilve PCC at 3pm

- 12:30pm Funeral of Patricia Waterman at Sedgemoor Crematorium

Wednesday 8th - Celtic Morning Prayer at Goathurst

- Wednesday Club at Nether Stowey
- 11am Funeral of Sheila Sharp at Kilve
- Holford PCC at 2:30pm
- Over Stowey PCC at 6:30pm

Thursday 9th - 8pm a Moment of Prayer

Friday 10th - 10am Holy Communion NS Church Centre

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

Saturday 11th - 10:30am Nether Stowey Coffee Morning

Funeral and celebration of the life of Enid Susan Berg

Wednesday 8th July. Funeral service at 11.15am in Canford Crematorium (BS9 3UN) with a celebration of Sue's life at 12:30pm in St Augustine's Chapel, St Monica's Retirement Home (BS9 3PQ). For lifts contact the office.

From 20th July, Steve Atkinson is cycling from London via Somerset to Lands' End. **He will call at The Church Centre Fri. 24th July at 10am for Holy Communion followed by coffee and cake, before continuing his journey. Join us if you can.** Any donations received will go to the Deanery Mission Appeal.

Next Sunday 12th July – 6th 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 Morning Worship with Baptism at Stringston

6:30pm Evensong at Aisholt (BCP)

Readings for 6th Sunday after Trinity

Romans 8.1-11 *No condemnation for those in Christ who live by the spirit*

Matthew 13.1-9,18-23 *The parable of the sower told and explained*

In and around the benefice ...

Regular Events

Enmore Coffee and Book Borrowing: Saturday 4th July 11am

Holford Coffee Morning: Saturday 4th July 10:00am

Nether Stowey Coffee Morning: Saturday 11th July 10:30am

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

Praise and Worship Service at St Peter's Church, Combwich 12th July @ 6.00pm. with Coffee and Cake afterwards.

News

Following the retirement of William Husband as Foundation Governor at Nether Stowey Church of England Primary School, the PCC are seeking to approve a new Foundation Governor to the Governing Board. The new Governor would not have to be a regular attender of Nether Stowey Church but would need to be a person of faith in Christ. Please think about taking on this role in supporting the children through their primary education at Nether Stowey school.

We thank William for his hard working and diligence in his time as Governor and we wish him well in his retirement! Please contact Eleanor if you would like to discover more.

Save the Date ...



Deanery Pilgrimage Walk 18th July from

noon, largely following the coastal path, and crossing all four of the benefices of the Deanery

from St Decuman's Holy Well in Watchet to St Andrew's Holy Well in Stogursey. Bishop Fiona will be joining the walk. Further details to follow.

In-person Safeguarding Foundation Course -

Saturday 25th July at 10:00am to 12:30pm led by Sarah King. Please book with Alison in the Office.

The Barnacle Buoys at Goathurst. An outdoor concert in the grounds of Halswell House. **Sat 22 Aug 2026 5pm-7pm.** BYO picnic, chairs, blankets etc. Tickets £10, children free. All proceeds go to: Children's Hospice South West, RNLI and the Talk Club who support men's mental health. A donation will also be made to Church funds. Tickets at <https://buytickets.at/thebarnaclebuoys/2252284>

A new series of free poetry readings at Coleridge Cottage starting Wednesday 22nd July at 1pm - and every Wednesday till the end of October. Please speak to Michael for more information.

Thought for the week:

"And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" Philippians 4:7