

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 4th October 18th after Trinity

9:30am Family Worship at Goathurst

9:30am Morning Worship at Holford

11:00am Harvest Matins at Aisholt

11:00am Harvest Service of the Word at Enmore

11:00am Holy Communion at Kilve

11:00am Morning Worship at Nether Stowey C Centre

5:00pm Evensong at Spaxton

6:30pm Harvest Evensong at Over Stowey

Readings for the 18th Sunday after Trinity

Philippians 3.4b-14 *Paul regards all gains as loss compared with knowing Christ*

Matthew 21.33-end *The parable of the wicked tenants*

Collect for 18th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you reign
with all your saints for ever.

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: Refugees, displaced families, children, and the elderly caught in humanitarian crises

National: For the ministry of hospice chaplains on World Hospice and Palliative Care Day

Church: Harvest services and suppers.

Local: Holford with Dodington, Kilve with Kilton & Lilstock, Nether Stowey

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

Events this week

Monday 5th - 9am Morning Prayer at N Stowey Church

- Quantock Food Bank collection
- 11:30am Ministry Team meeting

Tuesday 6th

Wednesday 7th - Celtic Morning Prayer at Goathurst

- Wednesday Club at Nether Stowey.

Thursday 8th - 8pm a Moment of Prayer

- 11:30am Funeral of David Habberfield, Spaxton
- 7:30pm Deanery Singers rehearsal in Church Centre

Friday 9th - 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 the life of Margaret Baker at Holford Church

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

- Over Stowey Harvest Supper

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. Available on Amazon, the bags come in various sizes. Profits go to Ukrainian farmers. Follow the link to purchase <https://amzn.eu/d/04uLjAhf>

Thanksgiving Service will be held for the life of Margaret Baker at 2pm on Friday 9th October in Holford Church.

Next 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*

In and around the benefice ...

Enmore Coffee and Book Borrowing: Sat 3rd Oct 11:00am

Nether Stowey Coffee Morning: 10:30am Sat 10th Oct

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

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

Praise and Worship Service at St Peter's Church,

Combwich 11th October @ 6.00pm with Coffee and Cake afterwards.

Save the Date ...

Choral Evensong with the Choir of Wells

Cathedral at St Mary's Church, Kilve Sunday 11th

October at 3pm 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.



The Rural Forum 2026

will be held on Monday 9th November at Bagley Baptist Church. Focussing on pilgrimage, our keynote speaker is Revd Sally Welch - author of Pilgrim Journeys and Making a Pilgrimage - who will share with us ways in which rural churches can explore pilgrimage. This is a free event, includes lunch and is open to all. To book your place - [please register via the online form linked here](#).

Registration closes on Friday 30 October to ensure everyone can be catered for on the day.



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.

Thought for the week:

"For the mountains may move and the hills disappear, but even then my faithful love for you will remain. My covenant of blessing will never be broken," says the Lord, who has mercy on you.

Isaiah 54:10