

As we move into the second week of the 'Praying in daily life' sessions we pray for all attending. Holy Spirit, in this Pentecost season please fill us anew and set our hearts on fire.

Let us pray for the people who are homeless, sofa surfers, rough sleepers or those cramped in B&Bs with young children. We don't know the circumstances that have led to this so please help us not to judge, but to treat all those we meet with love and compassion.

When people block out difficult feelings by using drugs or alcohol it could be because they are hurting. Heavenly Father, may they be healed from their pain and restored in body, mind and spirit. We pray also for the workers, in agencies and homes, who support vulnerable people.

Merciful Father, we pray for all who mourn the loss of friends or family members. We think especially of those recently bereaved. We give thanks for our clergy and local funeral directors, who offer such sensitivity at these emotional times.

This Thursday at 8 let us pause to acknowledge before God, our weaknesses or our failures. Not to diminish ourselves but to hand it all over to Christ, knowing that he sees and loves us, and, through the power of the Holy Spirit will support and restore us.

5th week: 25th May - 31st May

This week we pray for the worldwide church

All sorts of people are fond of repeating the Christian statement that "God is love." But they seem not to notice that the words 'God is love' have no real meaning unless God contains at least two persons. Love is something that one person has for another person. If God was a single person, then before the world was made, He was not love. C.S. Lewis

Heavenly Father, we thank you that you sent your only Son, Jesus, to grant us eternal life through his death and resurrection. We thank you for sending our guide and comforter, the Holy Spirit.

We pray for the church in the United Kingdom. We pray for a revival of faith and the confidence to share our belief when asked. May we come with humble hearts, acknowledging our need for Christ in our lives.

We are part of the body of Christ worldwide and pray: *"Teach us to know the Father, Son, and thee, of Both, to be but One; That through the ages all along this may be our endless song: Praise to thy eternal merit, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen."*
Attributed to: Rabanus Maurus (c. 776-856)

Let us pray for all attending the talk and lunch on 30th May, where we will learn more about **Heart for India**.

During half term week we pray for safety on our roads as people set off for holidays in the South West. Let us also pray for the people at the holiday destinations who will be working especially hard to make sure people have a successful and enjoyable visit.

This Thursday at 8 why not give yourself time to be completely still. No list of prayers or requests, just sit and be with God.

Quantock Villages Benefice

Aisholt, Enmore, Goathurst, Holford with Dodington, Kilve with Kilton and Lilstock, Nether Stowey, Over Stowey, Spaxton with Charlynch, Stringston



May 2026 Prayer Diary

1st week: 1st May - 3rd May

This week we pray for the parishes of Kilve with Kilton and Lilstock, Stringston and Spaxton with Charlynch.

"A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;" Ecclesiastes 3:4 KJV

Heavenly Father, we give thanks for the gift of laughter. The laughter of a small child, the giggles of young people and the joy of sharing happy memories with friends and family. May our laughter be kind and not at the expense of the feelings of others.

Let us pray for all attending the remaining Annual Parochial Church Council meetings. We pray for the work of all PCCs.

As many set off for the South West this weekend, we pray for all drivers dealing with heavy traffic and the delays involved over a Bank holiday weekend.

2nd week: 4th May - 10th May

This week we pray for Holford with Dodington, Over Stowey and Nether Stowey

"You alone are the Lord. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you. " Nehemiah 9:6 NIV

Merciful Father, this week many parts of the country will have local elections. We pray for the protection of all candidates and those who are presiding over the elections.

Elections bring up opposing views of our society. Sometimes strong opinions are driven by fear. Holy Spirit may your soft voice of calm flow into people's hearts as we let democracy unfold.

Merciful Father, we pray for our Central Government, for the civil service working behind the scenes and for all holding positions of authority. Please guide the influential in truth, courage and compassion for those they serve.

We look to the world beyond our shores as this week holds Fair Trade Day. Let us remember in our prayers those who live in countries where floods, drought or disease are destroying crops. Lord, please help all who work to support these communities through direct action or funding.

We give thanks to God for the sunshine and the rain that nurture creation. We pray for food growers and gatherers. For farmers and gardeners who work in all weathers and for fishermen facing danger each time they set out.

This Thursday at 8 let us pause to give thanks for the blessings we have received and the memories we hold close to our hearts.

3rd week: 11th May - 17th May

This week we pray for the parishes of Goathurst, Enmore and Aisholt.

*When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God. **Luke 24: 50 - 53***

Thank you Heavenly Father, that we can praise God freely and without fear. Guide and protect us as we seek to grow closer to you.

Risen Lord, we pray for the protection of Christians persecuted for their faith in you.

Living God, we pray for all attending the 'Finding a way Forward' meeting on 16th May and ask that You, Holy Spirit, inspire in us a passion for a life serving and following Christ Jesus.

We hold in prayer the first of the 'Praying in Daily Life' sessions. Guide us in ways we can live out our faith each day.

We pray for the children and young people in education. As exams approach or changes anticipated through new schools, colleges or universities, let us pray for all who are anxious and stressed. Lord, please may they feel your peace and reassurance of your love for them.

Let us remember to pray for all who teach. Gift them with patience and imagination as they seek to share their knowledge with the varying abilities of their students.

This Thursday at 8, whether physically or mentally, let us walk through our village or town and pray for those in it, including ourselves.

4th week: 18th May - 24th May

This week we pray for the Quantock Villages Benefice

"Bethlehem was God with us, Calvary was God for us, and Pentecost is God in us." Robert Baer

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues[a] as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:1-4