Week 1: 1st – 7th November 2026

Praying for our Benefice:

- The parishes of Aisholt, Enmore and Goathurst.
- Those attending All Souls services in Goathurst, Kilve and Nether Stowey on 1st November.
- The friends and families of those who have recently died. (See Benefice News).

Praying for our communities:

- Children and staff returning to schools after the half term break. Pray our schools are happy, safe places where children are nurtured, loved and taught well; that our churches and schools have strong, positive and genuine relationships; and for Gospel-sharing opportunities in schools.

Praying for our country:

- Whilst enjoying bonfires and fireworks on **5th November** and remembering Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot, pray for our Government today; pray they govern wisely, communicate clearly and honestly with each other and with the public, listen well and protect and uphold our freedoms and liberties.

Praying for our world:

- Pray for our brothers and sisters living under oppressive and restrictive governments where it is difficult to live and worship as Christians.

Praying for ourselves:

- As the seasons change and nature transforms around us, pray our own hearts change with it, growing deeper in faith, stronger in hope and closer to God.

Week 2: 8th – 14th November 2026

Praying for our Benefice:

- The parishes of Holford, Kilve with Kilton and Lilstock and Nether Stowey
- Remembrance Sunday services across the Benefice and all attending them

Praying for our communities:

- Pray that our remembrance of the past strengthens our resolve to work for peace and reconciliation within our own communities.

Praying for our country:

- Serving members of the Armed Forces, their families and all who bear the physical and emotional scars of conflict.
- **Children in Need** on 13th Nov – pray for the fundraising and the many projects this supports which help children thrive.

Praying for our world:

- Conflict across the world; armed forces defending their countries; civilians dealing with the day-to-day impact of conflict; those who work to bring aid and establish peace.
- For scientists, engineers and policy makers gathering for **UNESCOs World Science Forum** (10th – 13th). Pray scientific discoveries are used wisely and ethically and for the benefit of all; pray that the Forum addresses global challenges facing science such as health, food security and environmental sustainability.

Praying for ourselves:

- Jesus taught us to 'love our enemies' and made the ultimate sacrifice so that we might have life and freedom; pray we each live lives reflecting this love, goodness, light and life.

Week 3: 15th – 21st November 2026

Praying for our Benefice:

- The parishes of Over Stowey, Spaxton and Stringston
- The Ministry Team – Eleanor, Dawn, Stephen, Pam, Viv, Alison, Sarah, Sarah and Kate.

Praying for our communities:

- All those who provide services to our villages especially in the colder, darker months; those ensuring our homes have heating, power and light, delivery drivers, those who collect our bins, respond to 999 calls, and those who provide medical and nursing care.

Praying for our country:

- For bishops, clergy and lay representatives meeting for the **General Synod of the Church of England** meeting 16th-18th November. Pray that attendees would be guided by the Holy Spirit in their discussions and deliberations, prioritising witness to the Gospel and Church unity.
- Pray for Christians in government or positions of authority – that they might speak out for what is right and use their positions for good.

Our world:

- For world leaders at the **G20 Leader's Summit** (15th-16th); amidst economic uncertainty and international tension, pray for cooperation over division, and that the leaders work for the common good and protect the poorest and most vulnerable nations.

Praying for ourselves:

- Thank God you have a roof over your head tonight, food on your table, clean water, heating, lighting and power.

Week 4: 22nd – 30th November 2026

Praying for our Benefice:

- Those attending services on 22nd (Christ the King Sunday) and 29th (First Sunday of Advent).
- All those who serve in our churches and are busy preparing for Advent - planning services and events, organising volunteers and preparing our church buildings.

Praying for our communities:

- Pray for all those being confirmed in West Quantoxhead on 29th November.
- Care for the elderly in our communities and those who may feel particularly lonely or isolated in the winter months.

Praying for our country:

- As Christmas lights are switched on, Christmas music blasts out on radios and shop shelves bulge with all that is deemed 'essential' for 'the perfect Christmas', pray God uses the Church to celebrate distinctively, with perfect joy showing our nation the one true essential gift.

Praying for our world:

- **Thanksgiving** is celebrated this week (26th Nov) in America. Give thanks for our brothers and sisters there and pray for them.
- Pray that Christ's light penetrates the darkness of the world this Advent and Christmas and people see that he truly is the King.

Praying for ourselves:

- Pray we put our trust and hopes in our Saviour not the season. And pray that we may each focus on Gospel essentials not festive extras as we prepare for Immanuel, God with us.

Some prayers you might like to use this month

Hold, find a picture of or imagine a poppy.
Look at your poppy. They are bright and vibrant flowers; give thanks to God for those individuals who have died in war, the joy they brought to families and friends and the good things they did for their homes and countries.

Look at the red petals. Red is a colour we associate with danger, or harm. Ask God to be with those who are still facing danger due to conflict; pray for the courage of the armed forces, and compassion for those providing aid.

Place your whole hand over the poppy. Poppies are fragile and need gentle handling. Remember that God cares for those who feel fragile, are hurting or are sad. Ask God to comfort them, and all who grieve.

Touch the black middle of your poppy. Ask God to be at the centre of your life and actions as we work for peace in our own hearts, families, communities and world.

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Lord, where pain still overwhelms, bring healing.
Where hearts are still breaking, bring comfort.
Where peoples are still oppressed, bring liberation.
Where communities are still victimised, bring justice.
Where children are still traumatised, bring compassion.
Where lives are still crushed, bring hope.
Where evil is perpetrated, bring repentance.
Where war still devastates, bring peace.

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Heavenly Father, as we begin this Advent season, help us to open our hearts to Your presence. May we await the coming of Your Son with joy and expectation. Grant us the grace to grow in faith, hope, and love, and to share that light with others. Amen.

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Quantock Villages Benefice

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



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