

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS (APCM)

Please see below the list of Annual meetings for the churches unless otherwise stated, in the Quantock Villages Benefice this year.

The meeting will be in the churches.

Kilve Village Hall Saturday 10th May at 10:30am

Stringston Church Sunday 11th May at 12noon

Aisholt Church on Sunday 11th May at 5pm

All are welcome to come along hear what is happening in our churches.

PCC nomination forms are available in the churches today.

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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This Benefice takes Safeguarding seriously and follows the Diocesan Safeguarding policy, which includes the Church of England Policy on Safeguarding. If you have any concerns, please check the church notice boards for the full policy and a list of parish safeguarding officers, or the benefice website

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 Stringston



Sunday 4th May 3rd Sunday of Easter

9:30am Family Worship at Goathurst

11:00am Matins at Aisholt

11:00am Holy Communion at Enmore

11:00am Holy Communion at Kilve

11:00am Morning Worship at Nether Stowey Church Centre

6:30pm Evensong at Over Stowey

6:30 Evensong at Spaxton

Banns to be read at Nether and Over Stowey

Readings for 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 9.1-6 [7-20] *Paul is converted on the road to Damascus*
John 21.1-19 *The risen Jesus has breakfast with the disciples and restores peter, telling him to feed his flock*

Collect for 3rd Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father,

who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:

give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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

Risen Christ,

you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:

strengthen us to proclaim your risen life

and fill us with your peace,

to the glory of God the Father.

Post Communion

Living God,

your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread:

open the eyes of our faith,

that we may see him in all his redeeming work;

who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

For our Prayers

Baptisms, Confirmations 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: The Church of Ireland. Vancouver

National: Those living with hearing or sight loss.

Church: Bishop Ruth as she begins her new role as Interim Bishop of Liverpool

Local: Students as exam season begins and especially those students for whom formal education is a challenge.

With thanks: For firefighters and other emergency services.

The May Prayer Diary is now available in church, with many thanks to Revd Stephen and Pam Campbell for preparing it this month

This Week's Events

NB The office is closed this week.

Monday 5th - 9am Morning Prayer, Nether Stowey Church
- Quantock Food Bank collection at 11:00am

Tuesday 6th - 7pm Churchwardens' Meeting

Wednesday 7th - Celtic Morning Prayer at Goathurst

Thursday 8th - 3pm VE Day Bells with tea & cake at Goathurst

Friday 9th - 10am Holy Communion NS Church Centre

- 10am-11:15am Stay and Play at Goathurst
- Spaxton Rainbow Café 10:30-12:30
- Spaxton Toddlers 10:30-12:30
- Funeral of John Whellams

Saturday 10th - Coffee Morning Nether Stowey

- Kilve APCM at Village Hall 10:30-12noon

It was with great sadness that we heard of the passing of Clive Moore. Our thoughts and prayers are very much with Mel and the family. Clive's funeral is at 1pm on Monday 12th May at Sedgemoor Crematorium.

Please could all Churchwardens note that their next meeting together is Tuesday 6th May at 7pm in the Rectory.

A note for your diaries – **The Quantock Deanery Archdeacon's Visitation** during which the Churchwardens are sworn in to their offices on Wednesday 11th June at Crowcombe Church at 7pm. It would be wonderful if some folk could support the Churchwardens at this service. Please let the office know if you would like a lift.

Next Sunday 11th May 4th Sunday of Easter

9:30am Holy Communion at Goathurst

9:30am Morning Worship at Holford

9:30am Morning Worship at Over Stowey

11:00am Holy Communion at Nether Stowey Church

11:00am Morning Worship at Spaxton

11:00am Café Church at Stringston followed by APCM

6:30pm Evensong at Aisholt preceded by APCM at 5:00pm

Banns to be read at Nether and Over Stowey

Readings for 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9.36-end *Peter raises Tabitha (Dorcas) from the dead and stays on in Joppa with Simon the tanner.*

John 10.22-30 *The Jews reject Jesus when he says: 'My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me'*

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In and around the benefice ...

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

Over Stowey Coffee Morning: Saturday 17th May 10:30am

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Save the date.....

Quantock Deanery Quiet Day

"God's Mystery Tour – Exploring Discipleship" Led by Revd Preb Alastair Wallace at Hill House Christian Conference Centre on **Tuesday 13th May from 10am – 4pm. Cost £20** including lunch. Contact Pam Cuff 01278 741229.



THURSDAY 8 MAY 2025 MARKS 80 YEARS SINCE VE DAY

WHEN THE SECOND WORLD WAR CAME TO AN END IN EUROPE.

The bells will ring out at Goathurst Church at 3pm in commemoration. Tea and cakes will be served in the church from 3.30pm. All are welcome. *Donations for the Bell Fund would be gratefully received.*

On Sunday 11th May there is a Community Lunch at St Mary's Church Centre, Nether Stowey to celebrate the day. 12:45 for 1:00pm. There is no charge, but please call 734584 to book your place. All ages welcome.

Holford Church will be open with a focus for private prayer.

The Safeguarding Leadership Training in Nether Stowey is now fully booked. If you wish your name to be added to a waiting list, please register your interest with Alison in the office.

An important date for your diaries As you may know, Rev'd Kate is due to retire from regular ministry this year. Her last service will be on Sunday 22nd June at 11am in Spaxton Church. Plans and details to follow. For now, we say a simple thank you for all that Kate has given us over the past few years and we look forward to an opportunity to give thanks more fully at the service in June.