

Monthly Prayer Meeting in Nether Stowey will begin on Thursday October 23rd from 6-7pm in the Church Centre lounge and continue every 4th Thursday of the month All welcome.

Following Mervyn Todd's passing last year in August, much work has been going on to clear his house in Nether Stowey - the House of Antiquity. The time is approaching for the house to be sold. It will be auctioned on the 27th November at 2pm at The Shrubbery Hotel in Ilminster. Further details will follow in due course. Revd Eleanor

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/>



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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 Strington



Sunday 28th September – 15th after Trinity

9:30am Harvest Holy Communion at Holford
11:00am Patronal Morning Worship at Enmore
11:00am Harvest Holy Communion at Nether Stowey Church
11:00am Holy Communion at Spaxton
3:00pm Harvest Service, Priors Farm Barn, Strington with Rob Walrond followed by bring & share tea
6:30pm Holy Communion at Goathurst

Readings for 15th Sunday after Trinity

1 Timothy 6.6-19 *Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness*

Luke 16. 19-end *The parable of the rich man and Lazarus*

Collect for 15th Sunday after Trinity

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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
Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

National: For people who are dealing with emotional or physical pain.

Church: For Generosity Week, 28 September - 5 October, thanking God for his generosity and how we might respond.

Local: For the people working and living in local care homes.

With thanks: For good neighbours

This Week's Events

Monday 29th - 9am Morning Prayer Nether Stowey

- Quantock Food Bank collection at 11:00am
- 2pm Goathurst Fellowship Group
- 2pm Nether Stowey School visit to St Mary's Church

Tuesday 30th - 11am until 12pm Goathurst Coffee Morning donations to MacMillan Cancer Charity

Wednesday 1st - 9:30am Celtic Morning Prayer Goathurst

- Wednesday Club, Nether Stowey
- 7pm Quantock Foodbank AGM at the Church Centre

Friday 3rd - 10am Holy Communion NS Church Centre

- 10-11:30am Stay & Play at Goathurst
- 10:30-12:30 Spaxton Toddlers
- Spaxton Rainbow Café 10:30-12:30
- 10:30am Nether Stowey School Harvest Service
- 2:45pm Spaxton Harvest Service

Saturday 4th - Holford Coffee Morning 10am

- 11am Enmore Book Borrowing in Church
- 2-3pm Goathurst Handbell Group
- 10am Morning Prayer at Over Stowey Church

The Diocesan Confirmation takes place on Saturday 18 October at 14:00 in Wells Cathedral.

In Person Basic Safeguarding Training in Nether Stowey on Saturday October 25th at 10 for 10:15am The Basic Awareness training is the entry level course for everyone volunteering for or working within, the church. For further information and to book a place, please contact the Benefice Office.

CPR and Defibrillator Training The Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance and The Quantock Deanery are providing free* CPR and defibrillator training on **Saturday 1st November 10am to 12:30pm** at Nether Stowey Church Centre. Please book your place by phoning, texting or emailing Steve Atkinson 07747127334 steveatkinson@uwclub.net

*Donations invited towards the DMP to support local training.

Next Sunday 5th October – 16th after Trinity

9:30am Family Worship at Goathurst

9:30am Morning Worship at Holford

11:00am Matins at Aisholt

11:00am Harvest Holy Communion at Enmore

11:00am Morning Worship at Nether Stowey C Centre

3:00pm Harvest Songs of Praise at Kilve

5:00pm Evensong at Spaxton

6:30pm Harvest Festival Evensong at Over Stowey

Readings for 16th Sunday after Trinity

2 Timothy 1. 1-14 *Paul greets Timothy with thanksgiving and encouragement*

Luke 17. 5-10 *Even faith the size of a mustard seed is great; servants do only as they are asked*

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In and around the benefice ...



Kilve Coffee Morning: Saturday 27th September 10:30am

Goathurst Coffee Morning: Tuesday 30th September 11:00am-12:00pm

Holford Coffee Morning: Saturday October 4th 10am

Goathurst Hand Bell Group: Saturday 4th October 2-3pm

Enmore Book Borrowing and Coffee in Church: Saturday 4th October

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Save the date ...

Over Stowey Community Harvest Supper Saturday 11th October. Bar open at 6pm, seated by 7pm. Tickets £10 to include Homemade Soup and Bread, Ploughman's and Crumble Puds. Tickets may be purchased from the Benefice Office.

The Torriano Ensemble Saturday 18th October at 7pm Concert at St Margaret's Church, Spaxton. Professional Chamber musicians from major orchestras, with Alex Roche on classical guitar, perform works by Bach/Boccherini/Mozart/Piazzollo. Tickets £15 in advance only, from Spaxton Shop, or sarahupfield@gmail.com / qv.benefice@gmail.com

Spiritual Walk with Hedgerow Chaplain Steven Wort 21st October, 10am, Yarde. It will be 3.5 miles & take about 2.5 hours. [Email stevenwort@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stevenwort@hotmail.co.uk) or text 07557 958013.

The 2025 Rural Forum returns to Bagley Baptist Church, a little later this year, on Monday 3 November focussing on Calling in the Countryside. What God is saying to us in our rural setting and how can we encourage others in using their gifts in our churches and communities. The event is free of charge. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Bookings can be made via the [Rural Forum online registration form](#)

Harvest Festival Services in the Benefice

Aisholt: Sunday 12th October at 3:30pm

Enmore: Sunday 5th October at 11:00am

Holford: Sunday 28th September at 9:30am

Kilve: Sunday 5th October at 3:00pm

Nether Stowey: Sunday 28th September at 11:00am

Over Stowey Sunday 5th October at 6:30pm

Stringston: Sunday 28th September at 3:00pm (at Priors Farm)