



Keystone Pizzeria will be serving freshly cooked pizzas from the Church Centre car park on Tuesday 4th May. You can order on the day at the van, or in advance by using [this link](#).

Items for the Quantock Food Bank. Please leave donations in the Church Centre porch before 11.00am on Monday 3rd May. Thank you to everyone for your continuing wonderful donations to Quantock Foodbank. It is making a huge difference.

Books for Life collect used stamps to raise funds for children's safehouses in Hyderabad. Used envelopes can be placed in the black letterbox attached to the wall. Please contact Mervyn Todd on 07507 237483 for more information.

The Stowey Shuttle community car scheme offers trips to covid vaccination centres for people living in the parishes of Nether and Over Stowey and is free to bus pass holders. Please telephone on 07943 923742.

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.

Rector: Revd. Eleanor King **01278 734777**
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(Working days – Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday)

Hon. Associate Priests:

Revd. Peter Attwood **734588**

Revd. Malcolm Bole **741297**

Revd. Peter Williams **732768**

Readers:

Jeanette Bole **741297**

Maggie Harrison **732532**

Sarah Upfield **671539**

Viv Chesterton **733568**

Alison Hoare **732350**

Benefice Administrator: Rebecca Tinnelly (in the office on Thursdays) Email: qv.benefice@gmail.com

Padlet Prayer wall link:

<https://padlet.com/eleanorking2/7t29jwrfwmadnkv1>

Website: www.quantockvillagesbenefice.org.uk



Quantock Villages Benefice

Covid –19 For current guidance please see the

Diocesan website: <https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/>.

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

Benefice News

Quantock Villages Benefice
**“Not just going to church,
but being the church”**

Parishes of Aisholt, Enmore, Goathurst, Nether Stowey,
Over Stowey and Spaxton with Charlynch



Sunday 2nd May
5th Sunday of Easter



Services

9.30am Holy Communion at Goathurst

9.30am Holy Communion at Over Stowey

11.00am Matins (BCP) at Aisholt

Banns will be read in Goathurst and Over Stowey today.

This week there will also be an online service and a service on paper as usual.

Today's Readings

Acts 8.26-end - Philip explains the scriptures to the Ethiopian and baptises him.

John 15.1-8 - Jesus is the vine and if we remain in him we are the branches and will bear fruit.

Collect (Prayer for the Day)

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Benefice Service on paper - This week we offer a service on paper for Easter 5, with thanks to Revd Kate Sax.

Churches open for private prayer on Wednesdays:

St Mary's Church, Nether Stowey; 11am – 12noon
St Peter & St Paul Church, Over Stowey; 12noon - 4pm
St Margaret's Church, Spaxton; 12noon - 3pm
St Michael's Church, Enmore 11am-3pm

Churches open everyday:

St Edward's Church, Goathurst; 9am – 5pm
All Saints Church, Aisholt; 10am - 4pm

For our Prayers

Baptisms and Weddings: we pray for all who are planning for these services.

Please remember those who are unwell or in need including: Barbara Carter, Luke, Jane Marshall, Anthony Beach, David James, Bishop Peter, Ken Stone, Maureen Anderson, Jackie Slade, Mary Bown, Terry Trout, Isabella, Doreen Walker, Olive Holroyd, Rosie Chesterton, Matt, Jack and Julia, Jenny Ceffa-Payne, Nicholas Beach, Susan A, Patrick Goss and for others known to us.

Please pray for the friends and families of those who have died recently: Jerry King, Michael Pulvermacher, Norman Hodge and John Warwick.

Locally: We remember those unable to enjoy the spring air on their faces or the sounds all around us.

Nationally: The National Health Service

Worldwide: Muhabura in Uganda and The Rt Revd Cranmer Mugish

Thanks: for the signs of spring life.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday 2nd Pre-lunch drinks at 12noon

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81352576202?pwd=NXl3T0NiRmlsWTFhL0JuTE5rNlpUQT09>

Meeting ID: 813 5257 6202 Passcode: 303613

Spaxton Tea via Zoom at 4pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85380526062?pwd=YkZkemU3U2MyZG1TOUdHcjFpQnVEQT09>

Meeting ID: 853 8052 6062 Passcode: 716588

Monday 3rd – Quantock Food Bank - Collection of donations from St Mary's Church Centre at 11.00am.

Tuesday 4th – Keystone Pizzeria serving take away pizza in the Church Centre car park from 6pm – 8pm

Wednesday 5th - Celtic Morning Prayer at 9.30am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83510691756?pwd=KORNQlI0KemVwblInbjh6dkxkSkpTQT09>

Meeting ID: 835 1069 1756 Passcode: 166540

Friday 7th – Funeral of Jerry King at Over Stowey Church

I would like to take this opportunity, and on behalf of Sarah and Hannah too, to say a huge thank you to the whole Benefice and beyond for the kind words and condolences offered following the passing of Jerry. Sarah, Hannah and I have been deeply touched by your love and care in so many ways. Jerry leaves us all with many treasured memories, not least his love of church music and football! His funeral is on 7th May. Donations in lieu of flowers can be sent to Kidney Research UK via <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/hannah-king44> or to a churchwarden. Hopefully this time next year we will be able to gather singers and congregation for a Choral Evensong in one of the churches where he was organist. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen Eleanor

Services next Sunday 9th May 2021 Rogation Sunday - 6th Sunday of Easter

9:30am Holy Communion at Spaxton

11:00am Morning Worship at Nether Stowey

11:00am Holy Communion at Enmore

Readings for next Sunday

Acts 10.44-end.

Gentiles receive the Holy Spirit and are baptised.

John 15.9-17

New commandment to love as Jesus loves; no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.

In addition, this week there will be an online service and a service on paper.

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Services during Lockdown: Today there will be services in three of the churches in the Benefice. Please do continue with the usual restrictions - wear a face covering, hand sanitise as you come into and leave the church, and observe the 2m social distance. At the end of the service, please only mingle with others in your bubble. I hope and pray that we will soon be able to worship together with plenty of singing!

With best wishes, keep safe and keep well; Eleanor.

In and around the Benefice

News of Bishop Peter, Bishop of Bath and Wells.

As you may be aware Bishop Peter is to retire at Pentecost. He has been Bishop to us here in Somerset for seven years and many will have treasured memories of the impact he has on our lives. We continue to hold Bishop Peter and his wife Jane in prayer. We also pray for Bishop Ruth who will become Acting Diocesan Bishop. Details of his final service on 22nd May, will be available in due course. We expect that many of you will want to give a gift or send a message. Please can you send messages to: andrea.howlett@bathwells.anglican.org by Friday 14th May and donations for a gift to the following: **Cheques:** Payable to The Bath & Wells Diocesan Board of Finance **Post To:** The Bishops' Office, The Bishop's Palace, Wells, Somerset, BA5 2PD **BACS:** Account Name: The Bath & Wells Diocesan Board of Finance: **Sort Code** 60-23-06 **Account Number** 52161242 Reference **Bishop Peter** (Please ensure you put this reference when making the transfer)

The Electoral Rolls for St Mary's, Nether Stowey and St Margaret's Spaxton are being revised, in preparation for their Annual Parochial Church Meetings on 23 May. If you were on the last Electoral Roll (2019, as the Roll wasn't revised in 2020 due to Covid), you do not need to do anything. However, if you would like your name to be added, or removed from Nether Stowey's, please contact Kerry Trout, 2 Bishop Road, tel: 732112; or for Spaxton's Electoral roll, please contact Josh Schwieso tel: 671396 by Wed 5 May at the latest. The new Electoral Rolls will be published on Saturday 8 May, in the Churches and Church Centre porch, and will be available there for inspection until the APCM. If you would like a copy, please contact the Benefice Office.