



FREE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Takeaway 12.30 - 1.30 from the Church Centre (delivery available) on Sunday 20th December
Roast Turkey + all the trimmings, and mince pies and custard.

Phone or email to reserve your **FREE** meal by Friday 4th Dec: Sue 734588 sueattwood@gmail.com
Or Freda 732768 freda10@btinternet.com
These arrangements may be subject to change.

Hidden Voices Somerset are looking for a range of volunteers to help victims of modern slavery and exploitation in Somerset. A range of support is needed, from general assistance and practical help to employment readiness and skills development. The project has two key elements: provision of victim support and building of an effective, self-sustaining Anti-Slavery Network.
For more information please contact Rev'd 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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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 22nd November 2020

Christ the King



Services

Sadly, due to lockdown we are unable to hold public worship in our churches for the time being. Online services and paper services will continue, and churches are open for private prayer as noted overleaf.

While we cannot be church in our churches, we try to be God's people within our community showing the love of Christ to all.

On-line service

Here is the link to the Quantock Villages Benefice YouTube Channel. Please click on this and then select today's service.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtsSme88dx7KLcd-PAu8lqg/>

Collect (Prayer for the Day)

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(Or)

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Benefice Service on paper - This week we offer a short service with this Benefice News that you might like to use during the week. Thank you to Peter for writing the reflection and for Brenda Smith giving us the prayers.

News of Bishop Peter – On Tuesday at the pre-Advent Clergy retreat day via Zoom, it was a wonderful surprise, just before lunch, to 'see' Bishop Peter. He assured us that he continues to pray his way around the Diocese! What a wonderful example +Peter is to us all. In his adversity, God is at his very centre. Please do continue to pray for Bishop Peter as he returns to hospital this week for further treatment. Please do also pray for his family and his wife Jane as she walks alongside him in this challenging journey.

For our Prayers

Baptisms and Weddings: we pray for all who have had to change their plans for these services.

Please remember those who are unwell or in need.

Please pray for the friends and families of those who have died recently.

Locally: Lord we pray for peace in our homes. Help us to be peacemakers when there is tension or disagreement.

Nationally: for those who are making plans for after lockdown and for the Christmas season.

Worldwide: Santiago in Chile and The Rt Revd Hector Zavala Muñoz.

Thanks: for the grant from Heritage England towards the replacement roof at Goathurst Church.

This week's events

Sunday 22nd 11:45am Pre-lunch drinks over Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81428843916?pwd=b1grSDY4L04wUncrSmpuMTkxekg2UT09>

Meeting ID: 814 2884 3916

Passcode: 407752

Monday 23rd – Quantock Food Bank - Collection of donations from St Mary's Church Centre at 11.00am.

Tuesday 24th – Spaxton PCC meeting at 2:30pm.

Wednesday 25th – Celtic Morning Prayer via Zoom at 9.30am.

- Churches open for private prayer:

All Saints Church, Aisholt; 12noon - 3pm

St Margaret's Church, Spaxton; 12noon - 3pm

St Mary's Church, Nether Stowey; 2pm - 3pm

St Peter and St Paul Over Stowey; 12noon to 3pm

Saturday 28th - St Edward's Church in Goathurst is open for private prayer from 11am to 4pm.

In and around the Benefice

This year, Nether Stowey artists invite you to view their work online: <https://netherstoweyart.blogspot.com>

Should you wish to buy or seek further information on any of the paintings please contact us. The artists are giving 20% of their sales towards two local charities as well as the church restoration. We hope you enjoy our efforts. **Nether Stowey artists.**

If you prefer fine art prints there are a number available at Books for Life in St Mary's Street including a set of Van Gogh, Greco and Valasquez. Call Mervyn on 732426 for further information. Mervyn has also kindly offered 20% of these sales to this years' charities.

QUANTOCK FOOD BANK: There will be an extra Christmas collection on **SATURDAY 12th DECEMBER 9.30-11.00 ST MARYS CHURCH CENTRE** Everyone is encouraged to leave non-perishable items for those facing a particularly bleak Christmas. This is in place of the usual Christmas Card Board with donations to a local charity, which sadly this year is not possible. It would therefore seem to be an opportunity for anyone in the local area ... so please do join us!

We continue to collect items for the **Quantock Food Bank**. Please leave donations in the Church Centre porch before 11.00am on a Monday. Thank you to the many who have donated; it's making a huge difference.

*Goathurst Church are collecting dried, tinned and packeted foods for the **Bridgwater Food Bank** for Christmas. Foods can be taken to Goathurst Church porch at any time on **Saturday 5th December**. Throughout the day Gill will go down and place all foods inside the church. They will be delivered to the Food Bank on Wednesday 9th December.*



Keystone Pizzeria will be serving freshly cooked pizzas from the Church Centre car park on Tuesday 1st December. You can order on the day at the van, or in advance by using

[this link.](#)

Month of prayer: The Archbishops have asked that November be a month of prayer. I would encourage each of us to stop for a few minutes each day and offer a prayer relating to Coronavirus to God. The Church of England has suggested 6pm each day and many will be praying at that time and we can join in too.

A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort

knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**



The "try praying" initiative, encouraging and enabling people to give prayer a go, has now been launched! A "try praying" box containing booklets is under the church notice board in the centre of Nether Stowey; a great resource for those in need of hope in these difficult times. If you would like to know more please visit www.trypraying.co.uk or ring Eleanor or Jennifer Lindner.