

# Bishops Lydeard Benefice Profile 2026



Font cover,  
Bagborough



Spring, Cothelstone



Refreshments,  
Lydeard St Lawrence



Sunday morning, Bishops Lydeard



Harvest supper, Combe Florey

Bishops Lydeard, St Mary – Bagborough, St Pancras  
Combe Florey, Ss Peter & Paul – Cothelstone, St Thomas of Canterbury  
Lydeard St Lawrence, St Lawrence



## BENEFICE PROFILE

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## DIOCESAN STATEMENT

### Welcome to the Diocese of Bath and Wells



We are delighted that you are considering whether this post of Priest in Charge of the Bishops Lydeard with Lydeard St Lawrence, Bagborough, Combe Florey and Cothelstone in the Diocese of Bath and Wells might be right for you. To help your prayerful discernment we want to share with you our diocesan vision for growth and transformation, within which we hope your own ministry might flourish.

#### A vision for growth and transformation

In the light of the challenges and opportunities we face, our aim across all our parishes is growing our churches, within and beyond our church buildings, in both numbers and depth of faith, so that we can better work for the transforming of our communities and the life of God's Kingdom amongst us.

#### Our shared priorities

To help us pursue this aim, we invite churches across our diocese to focus on five particular areas of our ministry together. We ask all incumbents in our diocese to make these their priorities, understanding that what they look like in practice will vary in each place.

**To value, cherish and develop the people and resources we already have**

We love and affirm our churches and congregations, aiming to ensure each person is well supported and equipped as a follower of Jesus Christ and for any ministries they are called to undertake.

**To develop new Christian worshipping communities**

Whether through new forms of worship, church revitalisations or church plants, we seek to offer people in our communities opportunities to connect with the good news of Jesus

**To share in ministry and leadership**

We are committed to a model of shared local ministry: raising up and equipping lay and ordained leaders able to share together in leading the church and serving God's world.

**To deepen and grow faith**

We long to see children, young people and young adults, having more opportunities to discover, explore and grow in faith and for people of all ages to deepen and grow in faith

**To transform communities**

We seek to work in partnership with our communities to serve the common good and to pursue the transformation of society, by God's grace, to reflect the Kingdom.

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### Our challenge to you

When he talks about his own ministry in 1 Corinthians, Paul captures the dynamic we are seeking to achieve. “I planted,” he says, “Apollos watered, but God gave the growth” (1 Cor 3: 6). We know that our churches will only flourish and grow as a result of God’s action among us – it is God who gives the growth.

But Paul is also clear that we have a part to play too – in watering and planting, in doing the things that enable the conditions for God’s growth to be supported. So our challenge to each benefice is to see what it would take to grow by one adult and one child net during the coming year?

### Our support for you


We aim to be a diocese that offers high support to help you meet these challenges and opportunities. We have an outstanding diocesan team who are focussed on parish support, offering specialist advice in both practical and missional areas. Clergy wellbeing is a priority for us and our confidential Counselling and Wellbeing Service is available at no cost to you and your family. We model collegiate working in every area of the diocese, including deaneries, where working together is encouraged and supported. The Bishops and Archdeacons carry out a regular programme of benefice visits to learn about the life of local churches, and your MDR is conducted within the context of these visits.

### Your ministry in this Diocese

In summary, we are looking and praying for clergy who will:

- be committed to praying and intentionally seeking the growth and flourishing of the benefices in their care;
- relish and expect to work in an environment that offers high challenge and high support;
- work joyfully and collaboratively with those who share with them locally in ministry and leadership, with their congregations and with others in their locality, to identify ways to grow and develop their churches with the grain of local priorities, resources, skills and passions;
- enjoy working in partnership with deanery and diocesan colleagues.

We hope that you’d like to join us on the adventure and course we’ve set for our next ten years. We’re praying that God will send us the right labourers for the harvest that God has set before us. Might this be you?



Bishop Michael

Bishop Fiona

Archdeacon of Taunton

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### STONE DEANERY STATEMENT

Thank you for considering joining this deanery. We pray for you as you respond to God's calling.

We are a deanery of 35 places of worship, both ancient and modern, and following our deployment process, we are now made up of 6 benefices, each with a Stipendiary post. In this mainly rural area, we are also fortunate to have many active and supportive retired priests and some experienced Readers.

This is a deanery committed to Lay training, Lay Worship Assistants, Pastoral Assistants and Chaplaincy, recognising the ongoing need for a Christian presence and representation in each of our communities. As a small Chapter we share our responsibilities for discernment of calling and training. We also hope to be a close network for supporting each other and sharing our wisdom and concerns. We have regular Greater Chapter meetings with our retired colleagues and Readers to encourage a sense of shared ministry and mutual support. When a benefice has a curate in-training we share opportunities for their development throughout the deanery.

We value tradition but also welcome new ideas at this time of rapid change, and we invite you to share your vision for the future, along with our own, so that we can recognise and welcome the presence of the Kingdom of God in our communities.



### BENEFICE STATEMENT

#### **Who we are:**

- This is a mainly rural benefice of five parishes, on the edge of the Quantock hills;
- One parish is more populous than the others;
- Our parishes collaborate but have differing needs;
- Our churches have strong ties to the wider community;
- We have a wide range of worship traditions across our churches;
- We offer the challenge of rural ministry.

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### **Our priorities:**

- We seek someone with the patience and energy to support the whole people of the Benefice, and inspire people of all ages to know God and to grow in faith;
- To see our numbers increase;
- To rebuild and strengthen links with our schools;
- To develop more collaborative working across all five churches;
- To encourage the personal and vocational development of all our ministry team;
- To enable the Rector to flourish alongside the people in a good work/life balance.

### **We offer:**

- An environment where worship comes naturally, with buildings soaked in centuries of prayer and praise, from BCP to Celtic;
- Links with schools, village agents and parish councils;
- [St Mary's Church Centre Bishops Lydeard](#) is an excellent venue for events and has a well-equipped parish office;
- Well-run PCCs with skilled treasurers;
- Our churches are generally in a good state of repair;
- Buildings are normally left open during daylight hours;
- Visitors frequently comment on the warmth of the welcome offered in our churches;
- We have a number of organists available to cover services;
- The village of Bishops Lydeard has exceptional local facilities, and the County Town of Taunton is easily accessible by car or bus;
- The Benefice is within a designated National Landscape [formerly Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty].

## **PUTTING OUR PARISHES AND COMMUNITIES INTO CONTEXT**

### **WHAT IS GOOD**

Beautiful buildings – sermons in stone  
Churches are open daily  
People look after each other  
Parishes join with community for festivals  
Building works ongoing and funded  
Parishes building teamwork  
Looking out to community

### **WHAT IS CHALLENGING**

Resources: 'ageing', money, leadership  
Geography – location of rural churches  
Keeping people coming once started  
Closer working within the Benefice  
Attracting newcomers, especially children  
Changing 'social' attitudes to church  
Dealing with the DAC!

### **COMMUNITIES**

New housing at Bishops Lydeard  
Four parishes with small communities  
and limited facilities  
Individuals may not attend,  
but value church tradition and contribute

### **HOPES**

Better links with the land and farming  
Collaborative ministry and teamwork  
Bringing church and community closer  
Church to be for everyone  
To encourage young people  
The Rector to be an active part of communities

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### OUR NEW RECTOR

The Benefice is looking someone with the experience and skill to offer:

- Good communication skills, to connect with all ages and to non-church communities;
- Leadership and a clear vision, but open to discussion;
- A listening ear;
- A friendly and approachable personality with a sense of humour;
- Fostering of discipleship and deepening of faith;
- Encouragement and support for lay ministry;
- A focus on the community;
- Visiting the housebound in isolated places;
- Rural empathy.

The Benefice will fund a part-time administrative post in support of the Rector, initially of four hours per week, working from the parish office in St Mary's Church Centre in Bishops Lydeard. The previous post has lapsed, and a volunteer has acted as an administrator during the vacancy. Once a Rector has been appointed and the exact job description agreed, this paid post will be filled as soon as possible, with a full handover from the present volunteer worker.



## SPOTLIGHTS

### SCHOOLS

Our schools at [Bishops Lydeard](#) and [Lydeard St Lawrence](#), both in the Bath and Wells Academies Trust, will welcome the ministry of the new Rector. At Bishops Lydeard school services in the church for children and parents have resumed and one of the retired clergy has been actively working in the school. At Lydeard St Lawrence the new Head Teacher has said that she looks forward to having more contact with the Church. The Bible Society's "Open the Book" was well established, but lapsed post-Covid.



### ST MARY'S CHURCH CENTRE, BISHOPS LYDEARD

The centre's different rooms are used for activities, meetings and exhibitions, as well as for post-service coffee and chat, and visiting churches use the [Centre](#) as a base for awaydays. 'Souper' lunches are offered monthly, and the centre has been made available as a 'warm room', as well as a place of safety as designated by the parish council. Study groups for exploring Christianity are held here.



Lent lunches



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### DURING THE VACANCY

During the vacancy the leadership of the parishes has come together through monthly meetings of Churchwardens, along with two retired clergy, to discuss matters both local and concerning the wider Church. Ideas for this Profile came from parishioners from the whole Benefice, encouraged by a Discernment Day arranged by staff from the Diocese. A faith discussion group was started, at first in Lent, and it has continued during the year. Lent Lunches in support of various charities continued at St Mary's Church Centre, Bishops Lydeard, hosted by each parish in turn. Services for the whole Benefice happen on fifth Sundays. In May 2026 a Rogation Sunday service will again bring all parishes to a local farm, and this year it will follow a Vision Day led by the Bishop of Taunton.

Services across the Benefice have maintained a pattern of Eucharistic ministry and the ministry of the Word through the commitment of two retired clergy and of the lay people who lead worship: all the churchwardens, and a growing number of authorised Lay Worship Assistants. A Lay Reader was licensed to West Bagborough parish from August 2025.

The Archdeacon has led meetings of Churchwardens and parishioners to discuss the new Benefice Share scheme, and the implications of this for the future of the Benefice.

Services and other events are listed on the Benefice website, on *A Church Near You* and in *Fiveways*, the local magazine.

The table on [page 16](#) shows the present pattern of services and standard statistical data, and the individual parish pages have 'during the vacancy' updates.

This Profile has been updated from the original version prepared in 2024.

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Rogation service, Shopnoller Farm

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### THE PARISHES

#### Bishops Lydeard

The red sandstone church of St Mary the Virgin is beautiful. There has been a church here since Saxon times, but the oldest part of the present building dates from the end of the 13th century. If you would like to know about the history of the church, see [bishopslydeardbenefice.org](http://bishopslydeardbenefice.org)

You will find that we are a busy parish and that our times of worship are a focal point. What is harder to convey is the spirit of Christian love that exists. Like all churches, we are committed to loving each other and our community. We are actively trying to be a part of village events.

One person cannot do everything: we have a team of people who each contribute to keeping St Mary's running, from arranging flowers to church cleaning and from sidespersons to helping run Souper Lunches.

We have wonderful bells at St Mary's, but sadly we have been unable to ring them all for many months. This is due to a structural problem with a pinnacle on the tower and wider concerns about the strain that bell ringing is putting on the tower. We're working with the Diocesan Advisory Committee, our Structural Engineer and Architect to find a solution but it's taking a long time, and this has caused some frustration amongst our bellringers.

[St Mary's Church Centre Bishops Lydeard](#) was opened in June 1999. It was designed and built almost entirely by members of the church congregation and is a living example of faith in action. Our ethos is simple: to provide a warm, hospitable venue for everyone. It also contains the parish office. We have close links with the Royal British Legion [Dunkirk Memorial House](#) retirement home, which is situated at the edge of the village.



During the Vacancy at Bishops Lydeard we have started new Bible study and reading groups and continued with plans to improve our church building with the aim of reducing our carbon footprint. Services continued in the Church Centre while an efficient heating system was completed in the church, and work on the tower was finished.



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### Combe Florey

The church of St Peter and St Paul sits within the smallest of all the parishes within the Benefice and includes the hamlets of Nethercott, Trebles Holford and Seven Ash. The building is of rose-red sandstone and is Grade One listed – the first mention of a church at Combe Florey is 1292 when the patrons were the Prior and Convent of Taunton.

There are some notable literary and dramatic connections to the church. The Reverend Sidney Smith, Combe Florey's most well-known priest, lived in the Old Rectory from 1829–45, from where, as a writer and celebrated wit, he entertained eminent statesmen and famous literary figures of the day.

Evelyn Waugh and his wife, Laura, are buried in a grave adjoining the churchyard, just below Combe Florey House. It was here that Evelyn Waugh's best-known novel, *Brideshead Revisited*, was written. The Waugh family continued to live in the village until the early 2000s when Auberon Waugh died, and his wife moved to nearby Milverton.

Terence Rattigan also lived in the village with his parents during the early 1900s. In 2003 Michael MacIntyre, the comedian, married Kitty, the daughter of Simon Ward, the actor, in the church. (Now you know why his West Country accent is so good!)

The village has a convivial pub, *The Farmers Arms*, from which one can watch the steam trains cross the bridge over the main A358. It has a thriving village hall which provides a place for villagers who come together for celebratory social events and for various groups to meet, for example the Art Circle, the Stitches, a Yoga group, a book mart and the W.I.

We can offer you a pretty church in the centre of the village, a kind-hearted and enthusiastic group of PCC members and a village keen to welcome a new incumbent and join with him/her in the events of the Christian calendar such as Christmas carols by the tree, Good Friday Prayers by the Cross, Harvest Festival supper and more.

People have been worshipping at the church in Combe Florey for a long time, and now in 2026 we are looking for a Rector – please come and join us as we strive to keep our rural churches at the centre of village life.



During vacancy we have joined together with other groups in the village for social events such as quizzes and suppers and cream teas. This brings the church more into the life of the village. We plan to continue this through the year ahead.

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### Cothelstone

Our parish of St Thomas of Canterbury, Cothelstone, lies on the southern slopes of the Quantock Hills and is the least populated within the benefice. The church forms a picturesque group with a holy well, manor house, farm, and a few cottages, with several other hamlets in the parish. Agriculture is the main occupation, and the church is the only public building, being the nearest thing to a social centre. The church dates from the 12th century, comprising chancel, nave, tower and south aisle, and contains good tablets and wall memorials and some medieval and Jacobean woodwork. Many people comment on its peaceful and spiritual atmosphere. A substantial amount of work was carried out on the roof and electrical system some twenty years ago, and the church is in good external order. Some ten years ago a new vestry area and ringing platform were built. We have recently completed some work on our organ. The most recent Quinquennial Survey and Electrical Inspection were in 2022 and 2023 respectively, no immediate issues arising from either.

Our church holds a service every Sunday morning, alternating Holy Communion and Mattins, with a joint service held somewhere within the benefice on every fifth Sunday. Our patronal festival is on 29th December. We use the 1662 Book of Common Prayer and the King James Bible, which we greatly enjoy both for the beauty of the language and for the sense that we are the latest in a long unbroken tradition. This attracts over half the congregation, who come from outside the parish. We have a comprehensive set of eucharistic vestments and are corporate members of the Prayer Book Society. We sing enthusiastically during our traditional yet relaxed services (fortunately, we have a regular organist) We like to think we are a welcoming group to all parishioners and visitors, whether of the faith or not.



During the Vacancy at Cothelstone:

Fundraising opportunities presented to visitors via QR code reader.



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### Lydeard St Lawrence

The Village Lydeard St Lawrence, ten miles from Taunton, includes the hamlets of Westowe, Pyleigh, Chapel Leigh, Westleigh, part of Nethercott. The village population is approximately 500.

The Church is a grade 1 medieval building dedicated to St Lawrence the Martyr, open every day during daylight hours. The quinquennial inspection is due. The ring of eight bells, with a ninth allowing more flexibility, is frequently visited by other teams and for training. We also have a keen ringing team.

The School Lydeard St Lawrence Community Primary School, one of the Bath & Wells Multi Academies, with about 50 pupils (some from outside the parish) uses the church for end-of-term assemblies, with Christmas, Easter services and Christingle. We teamed up with the Arts Society, Taunton to produce a Children's Trail around the church, comprising a plan of the church; the children are encouraged to visit fourteen aspects of the building to answer questions, thereby learning more about the church's history.

Development Project A Project Team was set up in 2017 to develop the church looking at ways to encourage the community to use the Church. We have permission to proceed with the plans of which the dais at the front of the church and water and sink have been installed, but we also intend to install a disabled toilet, servery and gathering area at the back of the church.

Church Finance The Parish Share is paid in full every year. There are 24 people on the Electoral Roll, all living in the parish. The regular congregation is a small, caring, enthusiastic and friendly group of older people.

Fund Raising Annual events include Harvest Supper in the village hall, a Summer Fete normally held the weekend of the Patronal Festival in August on the School's field, a croquet and cream tea afternoon, open gardens about every other year. In 2024 we had a fund-raising fun day abseiling the Church Tower, raising over £2,000, and Open Gardens in 2025.

Social life There is an active cricket club. The village hall hosts Bonfire Night, a Summer Social, and events in the village hall, including table tennis, WI and occasional coffee mornings.



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### West Bagborough

The church of St Pancras was built in the 15th Century, extended in 1839 and refurbished in 1872. Between the Wars the building was redecorated to the designs of Sir Ninian Comper. It has six bells. The church is located on two named footpaths which pass through the churchyard, though pedestrian access from the road is up a steep path. The Visitors' Book is well filled with appreciative comments.

Services take place every Sunday, with Morning Prayer (BCP and CW) alternating with Holy Communion (Order One, Contemporary Language). For over a century there has been a tradition of Anglo-Catholic worship: though much has changed, vestments and incense are welcome at the Eucharist, and votive candles burn at the statue of Our Lady. Around 200 villagers come to the all-age candlelit carol service at Christmas, and Midnight Mass is well attended. Good Friday is observed with Stations of the Cross.

The village population comprises young working families or older retired professionals. Occupations include farming, and some residents commute to Taunton or Bridgwater. The Popham Hall is in constant and varied use, including for coffee mornings and a community choir; the village holds several community events each year, including a summer fete and flower show, and children's party. The cricket club is very active.

The church congregation, small but growing, is active and committed to maintaining weekly worship and keeping the building in good order. Roof repairs and new heating are scheduled for the coming year. A village survey in 2024 indicated that the vast majority of villagers saw the church as integral to village life. Many are supportive in non-worship roles and, even if they attend rarely, still want the rituals of the Church: baptisms, marriages and funerals. We would like to work with the Rector to reach out to such people.



During the Vacancy at Bagborough:

- Lay Reader licensed; three Lay Worship Assistants qualified;
- Two pastoral visitors in training; one person in Ministry through Art training;
- Safeguarding requirements updated and completed by all in leadership;
- New-format services adopted for Mattins and Eucharist;
- Active weekly prayer group established;
- Significant refurbishment and upgrade of churchyard, lychgate and church exterior.

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### Services in a typical month

|                              | St Mary,<br>Bishops<br>Lydeard   | St Lawrence,<br>Lydeard St<br>Lawrence | St Peter and<br>St Paul,<br>Combe Florey | St Pancras,<br>W Bagborough  | St Thomas of<br>Canterbury,<br>Cothelstone |
|------------------------------|--|--|--|------------------------------|--|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b> | 9.30 am Sung Eucharist (CW)  | 11.15 am Morning Prayer (CW)           |  | 11.15 am Mattins             | 11.15 am Holy Communion (BCP)              |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b> | 9.30 am Morning Prayer (CW)  |  | 9.30 am Holy Communion (CW)              | 11.15 am Holy Communion (CW) | 11.15 am Mattins                           |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b> | 9.30 am Sung Eucharist (CW)  | 11.15 am Holy Communion (CW)           |  | 11.15 am Morning Prayer (CW) | 11.15 am Holy Communion (BCP)              |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> | 9.30 am Informal Service or All Age Eucharist.   |  | 9.30 am Morning Prayer (CW)              | 11.15 am Holy Communion (CW) | 11.15 am Mattins                           |
|                              | <b>Benefice Evensong is held in a different church each fourth Sunday from April to September.</b> |  |  |                              |  |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> | 9.30 am Morning Prayer (CW)  |  |  |                              |  |
|                              | <b>10.30 am Benefice Eucharist is held in a different church each fifth Sunday.</b>                |  |  |                              |  |

### DASHBOARD DATA

|                                      | Bishops<br>Lydeard | Lydeard St<br>Lawrence | Combe Florey | West Bagborough | Cothelstone |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Population                           | 2924               | 411                    | 239          | 440             | 107         |
| Deprivation Ranking *                | 7381               | 4477                   | 4477         | 4477            | 10910       |
| Average 5-year worshipping community | 37                 | 6                      | 8            | 9               | 16          |

\* 1=most deprived parish in the Church of England, 12,239=least deprived.

Changes to Common Fund methodology will place significant demands on the parishes, and a request for £63,386 in 2026 is predicted to rise to £82,079 in 2029. In 2025 the five parishes paid their Parish Share assessment in full and expect to do so in 2026, subject to further correspondence with the Diocese.

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**YOUR HOME – description of the Rectory**

Situated in the centre of Bishops Lydeard, the Rectory was built in the 1960s and has five bedrooms, a sunny living room, study, dining room, kitchen, utility room, upstairs bathroom and downstairs WC. Two of the bedrooms have washbasins.

The enclosed garden has an informal but well cared for feel to it. A combination of grass, shrubs, flowers and a pond make for a relaxing space that is not overlooked. The front of the Rectory has its own large parking area, as well as a garage.

There is a path across the churchyard to the south door of the church. Vehicle access is via a drive from the main road through the village. One neighbour is the Bishops Lydeard Co-Op, and a former incumbent observed that he carried out much of his ministry in the aisles of this always busy local store!

The Rectory has been fully refurbished during the vacancy. The main picture is of the Rectory, as seen from the top of the church tower.



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### THE AREA

Bishop's Lydeard has a good range of local amenities: a primary school, two pubs, shops, a village hall, health centre, dentist, vet, newsagent, tearoom and Chinese takeaway. The village has a football club with active youth teams, a cricket club, as well as other sports such as snooker and short mat bowls, which take place in the village hall. The village hall is well appointed and well used by exercise groups, a variety of social clubs, and the parish council meets at the hall. There are active Scouts and Brownies groups.

There is some wonderful walking to be done from the village, or in the Quantock Hills National Landscape. Riding is also available. There are local point-to-point meetings, and the annual Quantock show takes place at Cothelstone. Bus services between Minehead and Taunton run through the Benefice, directly serving Bishops Lydeard and West Bagborough.

### Further afield

Taunton is the County Town and the nearest main shopping centre. It has plenty of schools, both state and private. Taunton railway station provides fast direct links to Bristol, London, Exeter, Plymouth and Penzance (FGW), as well as CrossCountry trains to Birmingham and Edinburgh.

Exeter is some 38 miles to the south-west, whilst Bristol is some 50 miles to the north. Both have international airports.

The seaside towns of Watchet and Minehead are easily reached by road via the A358 or by the West Somerset Railway from Bishops Lydeard Station.

### Attractions

The Exmoor Society – [exmoorsociety.com](http://exmoorsociety.com)

Brewhouse Theatre – [tauntonbrewhouse.co.uk](http://tauntonbrewhouse.co.uk)

West Somerset Railway – [west-somerset-railway.co.uk](http://west-somerset-railway.co.uk)

Things to do in Somerset – [visitsomerset.co.uk](http://visitsomerset.co.uk)

Arts, Culture and Outdoors – [Somerset Council](http://Somerset Council)

Somerset County Cricket Club – [Somersetcountycc.co.uk](http://Somersetcountycc.co.uk)

Museum of Somerset – [swheritage.org.uk/museum-of-somerset](http://swheritage.org.uk/museum-of-somerset)

Hestercombe House – <https://www.hestercombe.com>

Willows and Wetlands Centre – <https://www.coatesenglishwillow.co.uk>



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Benefice website: [bishopslydeardbenefice.org/](http://bishopslydeardbenefice.org/)

All the parishes in the benefice have entries on *A Church Near You* .

School websites: [bishopslydeardbwmat.org](http://bishopslydeardbwmat.org)  
[lydeardstlawrenceprimary.co.uk](http://lydeardstlawrenceprimary.co.uk)

Village websites: [bishopslydeard.org.uk](http://bishopslydeard.org.uk)  
[westbagboroughparish.uk](http://westbagboroughparish.uk)  
[lydeard-st-l.co.uk](http://lydeard-st-l.co.uk)  
[combefloreyvh.wordpress.com](http://combefloreyvh.wordpress.com)

Aspects of the Benefice ...

