

when we, in our communities are in control of where we go next. During some periods of history, clergy have simply been custodians of a church tradition which needed to be held and nurtured. In the 21st Century, whilst we must retain our wonderful heritage and traditions, we also need to reach out further into the communities and redefine what 'church' really is and means to us.

So, when you see me around and about, introduce yourself, and when you see me for the second time, introduce yourself again! Whereas it's easy to learn my name, it is harder for me to learn the names of the 3,233 of you! You may recognise me as I walk the children to school, nagging and chivvying them along. If you empathise with the school run chaos, then this (September) prayer may help you...

Lord, you know I love the children very much, but getting them off to school stretches my patience to breaking point. Why do they have to argue over the breakfast cereal, squabble about who is the eldest, lose their book bags, PE kits or shoes at the last moment? Are they sent to test me? If they are, then I often fail the test.

Give me in this new term superhuman patience, a genuine parental smile and a glimpse of what it means to be nine again.

Lord, you know I love the children very much - almost as much, perhaps, as you do. Amen.

with every blessing, **Revd Chloe Kingdon**

Quantock Lodge Swimming Pool

I have been swimming regularly at Quantock Pool for more years than I care to mention and have enjoyed every minute of it. Why did I choose Quantock Pool?

- It is near to Spaxton
- It has easy, free parking
- Good changing and shower facilities
- It is reasonably priced
- The water is warm (most important)
- Easy access steps at the morning sessions for those who prefer not to climb or jump in.
- It doesn't matter if you are a fast or slow swimmer.
- Various floats and fins are available to use.
- Flexible timetable which suits me whether I have to go to work or not.
- When the sun is shining through the glass and the peacocks are strutting along it is easy to think you are at some holiday location!

Most of all you always get a friendly welcome and any support you need while you are there. If you haven't been for a while or have never been then it is worth checking out this lovely facility before travelling further afield.

Opening Times

Sunday	10.00am – 12.30pm	Family Swim
Monday	6.30pm – 8.30pm	Lanes Swim
Tuesday	8.00am – 9.30am	Adult Swim
	9.30am – 10.15am	Aqua Aerobics
Thursday	8.00am – 10.15am	Adult Swim
	6.30pm – 8.30pm	Lanes Swim
Closed Bank Holidays		



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