

Services next Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – 5th Sunday of Easter

9.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's, Glemsford

10.30am Family Service at All Saints, Hartest

**This Week**

**Wednesday 29th April 11.00am Midweek Morning service** at St Marys, Glemsford. Coffee from 10.30am

**Wed 29th April 7pm Fellowship Group** meets at the Rectory – Video - Exploring more about Christianity with Tom Wright. All welcome.

➔ **Please Support** ←

**Glemsford Food Bank** at the Library is in need of more donations, especially basics such as pasta, tinned meat and veg etc.



**Christian Aid Coffee Morning 16<sup>th</sup> May**  
10.30am - 12.30pm at Glemsford Methodist Hall.

**Planning for the Hartest and Stanstead Flower Festival on 13/14<sup>th</sup> June is well under way – please make sure the date is in your diaries.**

**For entries please contact:**

**Sarah Howell - 07726 790 072 (Hartest)**

**Louise Morrey - 07786 146 606 (Stanstead)**



**Please pray for:**



- Rev Mary as she looks to a new ministry and those involved in planning for our vacancy.

**Rector: Rev. Mary Styles**

**Tel: (01787) 280740**

**Email: [revmarye@gmail.com](mailto:revmarye@gmail.com)**

*Rev Mary's usual working days are Sunday – Thurs midday.*

## The Glem Valley United Benefice



**Sunday 26th April 2026**

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

10.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's, Glemsford

6.00pm Evening Prayer at Holy Trinity, Boxted

BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship 8.10am

BBC 1 Songs of Praise 2.15pm

*Modern hymn writers*

BBC Radio 3 Choral Evensong 6.00pm

*from Selwyn College, Cambridge*

#### Psalm 23

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
- 2 **He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,**
- 3 he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths  
for his name's sake.

**4 Even though I walk  
through the darkest valley,  
I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.**

5 You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

**6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD  
for ever.**

#### **Acts of the Apostles Ch2: vv.42-47**

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup> Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup> They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

<sup>46</sup> Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. ©NIV

#### **Gospel according to John Ch10: vv.1-10**

'Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup> The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the

sheep. <sup>3</sup> The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

<sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognise a stranger's voice.' <sup>6</sup> Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

<sup>7</sup> Therefore Jesus said again, 'Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. ©NIV

#### **The Collect (Prayers for the Day)**

**Almighty God**, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**Risen Christ**, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

