Services next Sunday 26th April – 4th Sunday of Easter

10.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's, Glemsford
6.00pm Evening Prayer at Holy Trinity, Boxted

This Week

Mon 20th April 11am Funeral service for Hazel Mann at St Mary's, Glemsford
Wednesday 22nd April 11.00am Midweek Morning service at St Marys, Glemsford. Coffee from 10.30am
Wed 22nd April 7pm Fellowship Group meets at the Rectory – Video - Exploring more about Christianity with Tom Wright. All welcome.

Vocations Fair

At the Cathedral Sat 25th April, 10am-12.20pm

Is God calling you to a new or expanded role in the church? A chance to chat though the possibilities with members of the Vocations Team.

Future Dates

Christian Aid Week 2026 is 10-16th May

Please pray for:

- clarity about what is calling us to do in and for his Church.
- the fragile peace agreements in the Middle East: that may they may bear fruit.

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The Glem Valley United Benefice

Sunday 19th April 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

9.00am Holy Communion at All Saints', Hartest
10.30am Family Service at St Mary's, Glemsford
followed by St Mary's Annual Parochial Church Meeting

BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship 8.10am
Hope in a wounded world

BBC 1 Songs of Praise 1.15pm
The Royal Maundy service

BBC Radio 3 Choral Evensong 6.00pm
from Guildford Cathedral

Acts of the Apostles Ch2: vv.14a, 36-41

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd…..

36 'Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.' 37 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?'

38 Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will call.'

40 With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' 41 Those who accepted his message were baptised, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. **©NIV**

Gospel according to Luke Ch24: vv.13-35

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. 15 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; 16 but they were kept from recognising him.

17 He asked them, 'What are you discussing together as you walk along?' They stood still, their faces downcast. 18 One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, 'Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?'

19 'What things?' he asked. 'About Jesus of Nazareth,' they replied. 'He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. 20 The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; 21 but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. 22 In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning 23 but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. 24 Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.'

25 He said to them, 'How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?' 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

28 As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going further. 29 But they urged him strongly, 'Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them.

30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him, and he disappeared from their sight.
32 They asked each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?'

33 They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together 34 and saying, 'It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' 35 Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognised by them when he broke the bread. **©NIV**

The Collect (Prayers for the Day)

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**