



Services next Sunday 24th May – Pentecost

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

This Week

Mon 18th May 6pm St James' Stanstead Annual Parochial Meeting

Wednesday 20th May 11am Midweek Morning Service at St Marys, Glemsford. Coffee from 10.30am

Wed 20th May 7pm Fellowship Group meets at the Rectory. Exploring more about the New Testament with Tom Wright. All welcome.



Thanks for supporting the Christian Aid Coffee Morning on Saturday – donation envelopes are available in church if you couldn't make it.

Forthcoming Events – please see posters for details



“Spring into Summer”, Glemsford Village Hall Fête and Classic Car Show 30th May, 12noon-3pm
Donations of cakes, savouries and plants welcome



Hartest + Stanstead Flower Festival 13/14th June

Christian books in the library at St Mary's are available to browse or borrow

Please pray for:



- those struggling with the cost of living and our response
- being open to the prompting of the Holy Spirit

Rector: Rev. Mary Styles

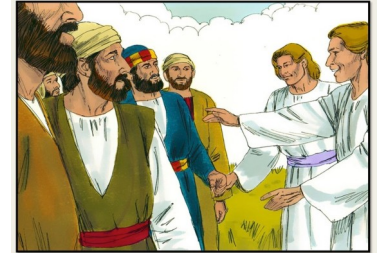
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Rev Mary's usual working days are Sunday – Thurs midday.

The Glem Valley United Benefice

Men of Galilee, why do You stand looking into heaven?



This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven.”

Acts 1:11

Knowing-Jesus.com

Sunday 17th May 2026

Seventh Sunday of Easter

9.00am Holy Communion at All Saints, Hartest
10.30am Family Service at St Mary's, Glemsford

BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship 8.10am

BBC 1 Songs of Praise 1.00pm
focussing on carers

BBC Radio 3 Choral Evensong 6.00pm
from Bristol Cathedral

Acts of the Apostles Ch1: vv.6-14

Then they gathered round Jesus and asked him, ‘Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?’

⁷ He said to them: ‘It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power

when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

⁹After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹'Men of Galilee,' they said, 'why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.'

¹²Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. ¹³When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

Gospel according to John Ch17: vv.1-11

After Jesus said this, he looked towards heaven and prayed:

'Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. ² For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³ Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

⁶ 'I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸ For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. ⁹ I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours.

¹⁰ All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. ©NIV

The Collect (Prayers for the Day)

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**