

Services next Sunday 31th May – Trinity Sunday

10.30am Benefice Holy Communion at St Mary's, Glemsford

This week

Wednesday 27th May 11am Midweek Reflective Morning Prayers
at St Mary's, Glemsford. Coffee from 10.30am

Wed 27th May 7pm Fellowship Group meets at the Rectory.
All welcome.

Sat 30th May Wedding of Beth and Charles at Holy Trinity, Boxted



Donation envelopes can still be returned to church for adding to the total being raised for Christian Aid

Forthcoming Events (nearly here!)



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

Sat 6th June Wedding of Tessa and Lucien at All Saints, Hartest



Hartest + Stanstead Flower Festival 13/14th June

*Sales of tea and cake at Hartest Gardening Club Plant sale raised £220
for All Saints church funds - a great result – thanks to all helpers*

Please pray for:



- the lonely and those who feel left out
- being open to the prompting of the Holy Spirit

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

The Glem Valley United Benefice



Sunday 24th May 2026

Pentecost

10.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's, Glemsford
followed by Holy Baptism - Robyn

6.00pm Evening Prayer at Holy Trinity, Boxted

BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship 8.10am

BBC 1 Songs of Praise 1.15pm
from Bristol - the Wesley legacy

BBC Radio 3 Choral Evensong 6.00pm
from St Paul's, Knightsbridge

Acts of the Apostles Ch2: vv.1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: 'Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?' ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs – we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!' ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, 'What does this mean?'

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, 'They have had too much wine.'

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ "In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.

¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,

blood and fire and billows of smoke.

²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹ And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved." ©NIV

Gospel according to John Ch20: vv.19-23

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.' ©NIV

The Collect (Prayers for the Day)

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**