

Services next Sunday 19th July – 7th Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Holy Communion at All Saints, Hartest

10.30am Family Service at St Mary's, Glemsford

This Week

Monday 13th July 7.00 – 9.00pm 'Together we are listening' event and prayers at St Peter's Church, Cockfield, led by Archdeacon David (*see below for details*)

Tues 14th July 7 for 7.30pm, CTIS Open Forum at St John's Church Methodist, Sudbury (*also St Mary's Fabric Committee meets*)

Wed 15th July 11am Midweek Morning Prayer at St Mary's, Glemsford. Coffee from 10.30am.

Wed 15th July 7.15pm Fellowship Group meets at Angel House, Glemsford (*note time, please*)

Fri 17th July 1.30pm Funeral service for Dorothy Maxim at St James', Stanstead

Future Events

Bishop Joanne has launched a special time of Prayer to refresh our vision and strategy 'Together We Are Listening'

Find out more: www.cofesuffolk.org/together-we-are-listening

A chance to pause, reflect, and pray together and to listen for God's voice.

Please pray for:



- all those struggling in the heat, especially those vulnerable due to age or illness.
- give thanks for the provision of clean water

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The Glem Valley United Benefice



Sunday 12th July 2026

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Morning Prayer at St James', Stanstead

10.30am Holy Communion at St Margaret's, Somerton

*Thank you to Revs. Rowland Bareham and Simon Gill
for leading our services today*

Today

BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship 8.10am

BBC 1 Songs of Praise **12.15pm**

with Bear Grylls

BBC Radio 3 Choral Evensong 6.00pm

from St John-at-Hampstead, London

Isaiah Ch55: vv.10-13

- ¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
- ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹² For you shall go out in joy
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle,
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off. ©NRSV

Gospel according to Matthew Ch13: vv.1-23

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ If you have ears, hear!"

¹⁰ Then the disciples came and asked him, 'Why do you speak to them in parables?' ¹¹ He answered, 'To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. ¹² For to those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ¹³ The reason I speak to them in parables is that "seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do

not listen, nor do they understand." ¹⁴ With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah that says:

"You will indeed listen, but never understand,
and you will indeed look, but never perceive.

¹⁵ For this people's heart has grown dull,
and their ears are hard of hearing,
and they have shut their eyes;
so that they might not look with their eyes,
and listen with their ears,
and understand with their heart and turn—
and I would heal them."

¹⁶ But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. ¹⁷ Truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it. ¹⁸ "Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty." ©NRSV

The Collect (Prayer for the Day)

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**