

The weeksheet is being paused until September while the compiler has a break

Services next Sunday 2nd August – 9th Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's, Glemsford

10.30am Family Service at All Saints', Hartest

Simon Gill's sermon on parables from 2 weeks ago is available as an audio recording and written notes. It is the precursor to today's sermon.

This Week

Mon 27th July, 7pm Licensing and Installation of Rev. Mary as Priest-in-Charge at St Peter and St Paul, Seal, Kent

Wed 29th July 11am Midweek Morning Service at St Mary's, Glemsford. Coffee from 10.30am.

The Fellowship Group and **Bellringers** will be taking a break in August.

Future Events

Sat 1st August 2pm Wedding of Ana and Diego at Holy Trinity, Boxted

Fri 7th Aug 2pm Wardens Planning Meeting at St James', Stanstead

Wed 12th Aug 7pm Joint PCCs Meeting at All Saints', Hartest
(Section 11 meeting, reviewing the benefice profile and confirming parish representatives for appointing a new Rector)

Please pray for:

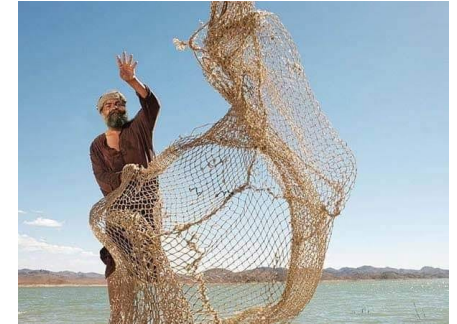


- the family and friends of Sheila Willmoth and of Jane Jowitt, who both died recently
- the Prime Minister and the new cabinet, that they may govern wisely

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The Glem Valley United Benefice



Sunday 26th July 2026

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's, Glemsford

6.00pm Evening Service at Holy Trinity, Boxted

*Thanks to Revs. Rowland Bareham, Simon Gill and Simon White
for leading our services today*

Today

BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship 8.10am

BBC 1 Songs of Praise 1.15pm
on the significance of Trees

BBC Radio 3 Choral Evensong 6.00pm
Vespers from Buckfast Abbey

Psalm 108

- 1 My heart, O God, is steadfast;
I will sing and make music with all my soul.
- 2 Awake, harp and lyre!
I will awaken the dawn.
- 3 I will praise you, LORD, among the nations;
I will sing of you among the peoples.

**4 For great is your love, higher than the heavens;
your faithfulness reaches to the skies.**

5 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;
let your glory be over all the earth.

**6 Save us and help us with your right hand,
that those you love may be delivered.**

7 God has spoken from his sanctuary:
'In triumph I will parcel out Shechem
and measure off the Valley of Sukkoth.

**8 Gilead is mine, Manasseh is mine;
Ephraim is my helmet,
Judah is my sceptre.**

9 Moab is my washbasin,
on Edom I toss my sandal;
over Philistia I shout in triumph.'

**10 Who will bring me to the fortified city?
Who will lead me to Edom?**

11 Is it not you, God, you who have rejected us
and no longer go out with our armies?

**12 Give us aid against the enemy,
for human help is worthless.**

13 With God we shall gain the victory,
and he will trample down our enemies. ©NIV

Gospel according to Matthew Ch13: vv.31-33, 44-52

[Jesus] told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. ³² Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.'

³³ He told them still another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about thirty kilograms of flour until it worked all through the dough.'

⁴⁴ 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

⁴⁵ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ 'Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. ⁴⁸ When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. ⁴⁹ This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ 'Have you understood all these things?' Jesus asked.

'Yes,' they replied.

⁵² He said to them, 'Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.'
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The Collect (Prayer for the Day)

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen.**