

Services next Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

**9.00am Morning Prayer at St James', Stanstead**

**10.30am Holy Communion at St Margaret's, Somerton**

*Services conducted by Revds. Rowland Bareham and Simon Gill*

*This Week*

**Wed 8th July 11am Midweek Morning Prayer** at St Mary's, Glemsford. Coffee from 10.30am.

(Fellowship Group meetings to be confirmed)

**Wed 8th July 7.30pm Deanery Synod** meets at All Saints, Sudbury

**Fri 10th July 12 noon Funeral service for Ernest Wilson** at St Mary's, Glemsford

**Fri 10<sup>th</sup> July 2pm Benefice Prayers** at St James, Stanstead

**Sat 11th July 7-10pm Cheese & Wine Evening** at Oak Cottage, Plum Street, Glemsford. Tickets £15

*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](http://www.cofesuffolk.org/together-we-are-listening)*

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

- *Monday 13 July 7.00pm – 9.00pm led by Archdeacon David at St Peter's Church, Cockfield*

*Please pray for:*



- those injured and bereaved by the earthquakes in Venezuela
- the call of the Holy Spirit during our vacancy

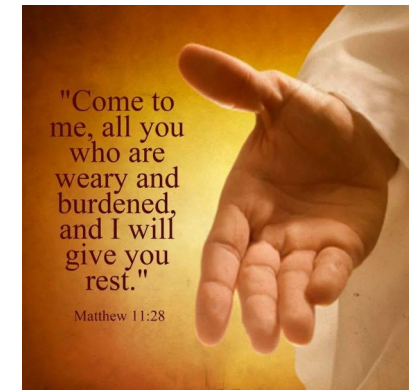
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## The Glem Valley United Benefice



### Sunday 5th July 2026

### Fifth Sunday after Trinity

**9.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's, Glemsford**

**10.30am Family Service at All Saints, Hartest**

*Thank you to Rev Rowland Bareham  
for leading our services today*

Today

BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship 8.10am

BBC 1 Songs of Praise **11.45am**

*"The power of Water"*

BBC Radio 3 Choral Evensong 6.00pm

*from The Queen's College, Oxford*

**Zechariah Ch9: vv.9-12**

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup> He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the war horse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall command peace to the nations;  
his dominion shall be from sea to sea  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup> As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with  
you,  
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup> Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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### **Gospel according to Matthew Ch11: vv.16-19, 25-30**

<sup>16</sup> “But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children  
sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

<sup>17</sup> ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

<sup>18</sup> “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has  
a demon’; <sup>19</sup> the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say,  
‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and  
sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and  
earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the  
intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such  
was your gracious will.

<sup>27</sup> All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one  
knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father  
except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup> “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy  
burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and  
learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will  
find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is  
light.” ©NRSV

### **The Collect (Prayers for the Day)**

**Almighty God,**  
send down upon your Church  
the riches of your Spirit, and  
kindle in all who minister the  
gospel your countless gifts of  
grace; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. **Amen.**

**Almighty and everlasting God,**  
by whose Spirit the whole body of the  
Church is governed and sanctified:  
hear our prayer which we offer for all  
thy faithful people, that in their  
vocation and ministry they may serve  
thee in holiness and truth, to the  
glory of thy name; through our Lord  
and Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth  
and reigneth with thee, in the unity of  
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for  
ever. **Amen.**