

Services next Sunday 26th July – 8th Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's, Glemsford

6.00pm Evening Service at Holy Trinity, Boxted

This Week

Wed 22nd July 11am Midweek Morning Prayer at St Mary's, Glemsford. Coffee from 10.30am.

Wed 22nd July 7pm "Pre-Vacancy" Meeting for our Parish Representatives with Archdeacon David at St Mary's, Glemsford

Wed 22nd July 7.15pm Fellowship Group meets at Angel House, Glemsford (*note time, please*)

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 - and complete the survey

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

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

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

Please pray for:



- good listening skills, as we seek to discern the sort of people and churches that God is willing us to be
- Rev Mary, as she joins her new parish

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The Glem Valley United Benefice



Sunday 19th July 2026

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Holy Communion at All Saints, Hartest

10.30am Family Service at St Mary's, Glemsford

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

Today

BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship 8.10am

BBC 1 Songs of Praise 1.15pm

on Faith and Renewal

BBC Radio 3 Choral Evensong 6.00pm

from Norwich Cathedral

Isaiah Ch44: vv.6-8

⁶ Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:
I am the first, and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

7 Who is like me? Let them proclaim it;
 let them declare and set it forth before me.
 Who has announced from of old the things to come?
 Let them tell us what is yet to be.

8 Do not fear or be afraid;
 have I not told you from of old and declared it?
 You are my witnesses!
 Is there any god besides me?
 There is no other rock; I know not one. ©NRSV

Gospel according to Matthew Ch13: vv.24-30, 36-43

²⁴ [Jesus] put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers. Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the

weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!
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The Collect (Prayers for the Day)

Lord of all power and might,
 the author and giver of all good things:
 graft in our hearts the love of your name,
 increase in us true religion, nourish us
 with all goodness, and of your great
 mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus
 Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and
 reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy
 Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Generous God,
 you give us gifts and
 make them grow: though
 our faith is small as
 mustard seed,
 make it grow to your
 glory and the flourishing
 of your kingdom; through
 Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
 ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive
 within ourselves the power of his death and passion
 that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect
 in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**