

The Collect (Prayer for the Day)

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Post Communion

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Services next Sunday 20th September – 16th Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Holy Communion at All Saints, Hartest

10.30am Harvest Family Service at St Mary's, Glemsford

followed by a bread and cheese Harvest Lunch

This Week

Tues 15th Sept 6pm Stanstead PCC meets at St James'

Wed 16th Sept 11am Midweek Morning Service at St Mary's, Glemsford. Coffee from 10.30am.

Wed 16th Sept 7pm The Fellowship Group meets at Angel House, Egremont Street, Glemsford, this week.



Sat 19th September 2-5pm Afternoon Tea & Cake at Angel House, Egremont St, Glemsford, courtesy of Claire and Neal Booth. **All welcome.**

Please pray for:



- those involved with the safety and repair of our church buildings
- those bringing 'Open the Book' into our schools

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Sunday 13th September 2026

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Morning Prayer at St James', Stanstead

10.30am Holy Communion at St Margaret's, Somerton

*Thanks to Revd. Canon Mark Haworth
for leading our services today*

also

**3pm Open Air service, Celebrating Harvest & Creation at
Foxearth Meadows (please bring a chair). Refreshments.**

Today

BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship 8.10am

BBC 1 Songs of Praise 2.15pm
on Tyndale's Bible translation

BBC Radio 3 Choral Evensong 6.00pm
from church of the Holy Sepulchre, London

Genesis Ch50: vv.15-21

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, 'What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?' ¹⁶ So they sent word to Joseph, saying, 'Your father left these instructions before he died: ¹⁷ "This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the

wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.” Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father.’ When their message came to him, Joseph wept. ¹⁸ His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. ‘We are your slaves,’ they said.

¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, ‘Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God?

²⁰ You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. ²¹ So then, don’t be afraid. I will provide for you and your children.’ And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them. ©NIV

Romans Ch14: vv.1-12

Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarrelling over disputable matters. ² One person’s faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. ³ The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. ⁴ Who are you to judge someone else’s servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵ One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. ⁶ Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷ For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. ⁸ If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. ⁹ For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God’s judgment seat. ¹¹ It is written:

“‘As surely as I live,” says the Lord, “Every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God.”’

¹² So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God. ©NIV

Gospel according to Matthew Ch18: vv.21-35

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, ‘Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?’ ²² Jesus answered, ‘I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³ ‘Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him.

²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

²⁶ ‘At this the servant fell on his knees before him. “Be patient with me,” he begged, “and I will pay back everything.” ²⁷ The servant’s master took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go.

²⁸ ‘But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. “Pay back what you owe me!” he demanded.

²⁹ ‘His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, “Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.”

³⁰ ‘But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

³² ‘Then the master called the servant in. “You wicked servant,” he said, “I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to.

³³ Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?” ³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵ ‘This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’ ©NIV