

Services next Sunday 4th October – 18th Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's, Glemsford

10.30am Family Service at All Saints, Hartest

This Week

Wed 30th Sept 11am Midweek Morning Service at St Mary's, Glemsford. Coffee from 10.30am.

Wed 30th Sept 7pm The Fellowship Group meets at Fair Green House, 15 Fair Green, Glemsford, this week.

Thurs 1st October 7.30pm at St Margaret's, Somerton. **Benefice PCC members 'Section 12' meeting with Bishop Joanne** to finalise the specification and advertising for a new Rector.

✂ A new newsletter from Chris and Veronica, St Mary's CMS Mission Partners is on the noticeboard at the back of the church. ✂

Future Events

Sun 4th Oct 10.00 am – 3.00 pm, The Cathedral is holding its annual Suffolk Harvest Festival with Suffolk Trinity animals, machinery, stalls, family activities, food and drink etc. on Angel Hill. The harvest service is at 3.30pm.

Please pray:

- that recent meetings of world leaders may lead to better understanding and co-operation
- for God's guidance as we seek a new priest
- for those working to promote Fairtrade Fortnight



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The Glem Valley United Benefice



Sunday 27th September 2026 Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's, Glemsford

6.00pm Harvest Festival at Holy Trinity, Boxted

*Thanks to Revs. 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

Songs of Praise 65th birthday

BBC Radio 3 Choral Evensong 6.00pm
from York Minster

Jeremiah Ch.7: vv.1-11

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ² 'Stand at the gate of the LORD's house and there proclaim this message:

“Hear the word of the LORD, all you people of Judah who come through these gates to worship the LORD. ³ This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: reform your ways and your actions, and I will let you live in this place. ⁴ Do not trust in deceptive words and say, ‘This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD!’ ⁵ If you really change your ways and your actions and deal with each other justly, ⁶ if you do not oppress the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow and do not shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not follow other gods to your own harm, ⁷ then I will let you live in this place, in the land I gave to your ancestors for ever and ever. ⁸ But look, you are trusting in deceptive words that are worthless.

⁹ “Will you steal and murder, commit adultery and perjury, burn incense to Baal and follow other gods you have not known, ¹⁰ and then come and stand before me in this house, which bears my Name, and say, ‘We are safe’— safe to do all these detestable things? ¹¹ Has this house, which bears my Name, become a den of robbers to you? But I have been watching! declares the LORD.

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Gospel according to Matthew Ch.21: vv.12-17

Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money-changers and the benches of those selling doves. ¹³ ‘It is written,’ he said to them, “My house will be called a house of prayer,” but you are making it “a den of robbers.” ’

¹⁴ The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them. ¹⁵ But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple courts, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David,’ they were indignant.

¹⁶ ‘Do you hear what these children are saying?’ they asked him.

‘Yes,’ replied Jesus, ‘have you never read,

“From the lips of children and infants
you, Lord, have called forth your praise”?’

¹⁷ And he left them and went out of the city to Bethany, where he spent the night. ©NIV

The Collect (Prayers for the Day)

Almighty God,

you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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.**

Gracious God,

you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

