

Services next Sunday 25^h October – Bible Sunday

10.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's, Glemsford

6.0pm Evening Service at Holy Trinity, Boxted

This week

Wed 21st Oct 11am Midweek Morning Service at St Mary's, Glemsford. Coffee from 10.30am.

Wed 21st Oct 7pm The Fellowship Group meets at Angel House, Egremont Street, Glemsford, this week.

Dates for the Diary

Sun 1st Nov 3pm Service in Memory of Loved Ones
at St Mary's Church, Glemsford

Sat 5th Dec 7pm Festive Christmas Quiz at Glemsford Village Hall.
Teams of 4-6. Baked potato supper Entry £5 per person. Please see posters for more details.

Please pray for:

- those struggling with the cost of living and our response
- adequate rainfall through the winter to replenish our rivers and reservoirs
- the victims and survivors of abuse

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The Glem Valley United Benefice



Sunday 18th October 2026

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity



The Feast of St Luke the Evangelist

NO Holy Communion at All Saints', Hartest

10.30am Family Service with Communion at St Mary's, Glemsford

Thanks to Rev. Simon Gill for leading our service this morning

6.30pm Churches Together United Service
at St John's Methodist Church, Sudbury
led by Eden's Project

Today

BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship 8.10am
from Crediton Parish Church

BBC 1 Songs of Praise 1.15pm
Young Chorister competition final

BBC Radio 3 Choral Evensong 6.00pm
from Salisbury Cathedral

Exodus Ch.33: vv.12-23

Moses said to the LORD, 'You have been telling me, "Lead these people," but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, "I know you by name and you have found favour with me." ¹³ If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favour with you. Remember that this nation is your people.'

¹⁴ The LORD replied, 'My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.'

¹⁵ Then Moses said to him, 'If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. ¹⁶ How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?'

¹⁷ And the LORD said to Moses, 'I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name.'

¹⁸ Then Moses said, 'Now show me your glory.'

¹⁹ And the LORD said, 'I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. ²⁰ But,' he said, 'you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.'

²¹ Then the LORD said, 'There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. ²² When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by.'

²³ Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen.' ©NIV/UK

Gospel according to Matthew Ch.22: vv.15-22

Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words.

¹⁶ They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians.

'Teacher,' they said, 'we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. ¹⁷ Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the poll-tax to Caesar or not?'

¹⁸ But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, 'You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for paying the tax.' They brought him a denarius, ²⁰ and he asked them, 'Whose image is this? And whose inscription?'

²¹ 'Caesar's,' they replied.

Then he said to them, 'So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's.'

²² When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away. ©NIV/UK

The Collect (Prayers for the Day)

God,

the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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.**

God,

our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**