

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

Services next Sunday 11th October – 19th Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Holy Communion at St James', Stanstead

10.30am Harvest Festival at St Margaret's, Somerton

2.30pm Harvest Thanksgiving at St James' Stanstead
followed by a sale of books and cakes

This Week

Wed 7th Oct 11am Midweek Morning Service at St Mary's, Glemsford. Coffee from 10.30am.

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

Fri 9th Oct 2pm Churchwardens' Service Planning Meeting at All Saints, Hartest

Date for the Diary

Sat 5th Dec 7pm Festive Christmas Quiz at Glemsford Village Hall. Teams of 4-6. See posters for details.

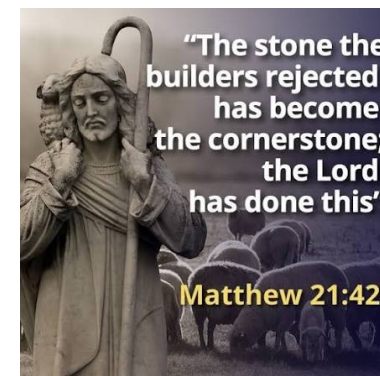
Please pray for:

- all who live with depression, anxiety, and other mental illness – for healing, peace, and protection (*World Mental Health Day is Sat 10th Oct*).
- the priests leading our services during this time of vacancy and that the process agreed for advertising for a new Rector will go forward.

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The Glem Valley United Benefice



Sunday 4th October 2026

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's, Glemsford

10.30am Family Service at All Saints, Hartest

Thanks to Rev. Simon Gill for leading our services today

Today

BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship 8.10am

BBC 1 Songs of Praise 1.15pm

Young Chorister competition semi-final

BBC Radio 3 No Choral Evensong

broadcast this Sunday – try BBC Sounds

Philippians Ch3: vv.4b-14

⁴If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ – the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ – yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus. ©NIV/UK

Gospel according to Matthew Ch.21: vv.33-46

‘Listen to another parable: there was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall round it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. ³⁴ When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

³⁵ ‘The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. ³⁶ Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Last of all, he sent his son to them. “They will respect my son,” he said.

³⁸ ‘But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, “This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.” ³⁹ So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

⁴⁰ ‘Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’

⁴¹ ‘He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,’ they replied, ‘and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.’

⁴² Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the Scriptures*:

“‘The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
the Lord has done this,
and it is marvellous in our eyes”?

⁴³ ‘Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. ⁴⁴ Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.’

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus’ parables, they knew he was talking about them. ⁴⁶ They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet. ©NIV/UK

**Psalm 118 vv.22,23*

The Collect (Prayers for the Day)

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us thy gift of faith that,
forsaking that which is behind and
reaching out to that which is
before, we may run the way of thy
commandments and win the
crown of everlasting joy; through
Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who
liveth and reigneth with thee, in
the unity of the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**God, our judge and
saviour,** teach us to be
open to your truth and to
trust in your love, that we
may live each day with
confidence in the salvation
which is given through
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.