

Services next Sunday 18^h October – 20th Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Holy Communion at All Saints', Hartest

10.30am Family Service at St Mary's, Glemsford

This Week

Wed 14th Oct 11am Midweek Morning Service at St Mary's, Glemsford. Coffee from 10.30am.

Wed 14th Oct 7pm The Fellowship Group meets at Angel House, Egremont Street, Glemsford, this week.

Thurs 15th Oct 7 for 7.30pm Deanery Synod meets at St Mary's, Bures

Date for the Diary

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 who produce our food and get it to the shops
- peace instead of conflict and diplomacy instead of aggression
- our prayer life as individuals and communities in this National Week of Prayer
- those suffering from cancer and those caring for and supporting them

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The Glem Valley United Benefice



Sunday 11th October 2026

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Holy Communion at St James', Stanstead

10.30am Harvest Festival at St Margaret's, Somerton

Thanks to Rev. Simon White for leading our services this morning

2.30pm Harvest Celebration at St James', Stanstead

followed by a sale of books and cakes

Today

BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship 8.10am
from Coventry Cathedral

BBC 1 Songs of Praise 1.15pm
Young Chorister competition semi-final

BBC Radio 3 Choral Evensong 6.00pm
from Westminster Abbey

Leviticus Ch.25: vv.3-5

For six years sow your fields, and for six years prune your vineyards and gather their crops. ⁴ But in the seventh year the land is to have a year of sabbath rest, a sabbath to the LORD. Do not sow your fields or prune your vineyards. ⁵ Do not reap what grows of itself or harvest the grapes of your untended vines. The land is to have a year of rest. ©NIV/UK

Gospel according to Luke Ch.12: vv.16-30

And [Jesus] told them this parable: ‘The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, “What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.”

¹⁸ ‘Then he said, “This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹ And I’ll say to myself, ‘You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.’”

²⁰ ‘But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?”

²¹ ‘This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich towards God.’

²² Then Jesus said to his disciples: ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes.

²⁴ Consider the ravens: they do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! ²⁵ Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? ²⁶ Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

²⁷ ‘Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like

one of these. ²⁸ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you – you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. ³⁰ For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. ©NIV/UK

The Collect (Prayers for the Day)

Eternal God,

you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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.

Creator God,

you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

