The Collect (Prayer for the Day)

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Services next Sunday 22nd November – **Christ the King**

10.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's, Glemsford

6.00pm Advent Carol Service at Holy Trinity, Boxted

This Week

Tues 17th Nov 6pm St James', Stanstead PCC meets.

Wed 18th Nov 11am Midweek Morning Service at St Mary's, Glemsford. Coffee from 10.30am.

Wed 18th Nov 7pm Fellowship Group meets at Angel House, Egremont Street, Glemsford.

Fri 20th Nov 2pm Benefice Prayer meeting at St Margaret's, Somerton

Dates for the Diary – Please see posters

Sat 5th Dec 7pm Festive Christmas Quiz at Glemsford Village Hall. Teams of 4-6. Baked potato supper Entry £5.

Sat 19th Dec 7.30pm Long Melford Silver Band at St Mary's Church

Please pray for:

- recognition of God's gifts (talents) in us and in others
- the Diocesan safeguarding team and parish/benefice safeguarding officers
- progress in turning past promises into action at COP31

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The Glem Valley United Benefice



Sunday 15th November 2026

Second Sunday before Advent

9.00am Holy Communion at All Saints', Hartest

10.30am Family Service and Baptism at St Mary's, Glemsford

Thanks to Revd. Simon Gill for leading our services today

Today

BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship 8.10am
300 years of St Martin-in-the Fields

BBC 1 Songs of Praise 1.15pm
International Men's Day

BBC Radio 3 Choral Evensong 6.00pm
from St Martin-in-the Fields, London



Zephaniah Ch1: vv.7, 12-18

7 Be silent before the Sovereign LORD,
for the day of the LORD is near.
The LORD has prepared a sacrifice;
he has consecrated those he has invited.

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps
and punish those who are complacent,
who are like wine left on its dregs,
who think, "The LORD will do nothing,
either good or bad."
13 Their wealth will be plundered,
their houses demolished.
Though they build houses,
they will not live in them;
though they plant vineyards,
they will not drink the wine.'

14 The great day of the LORD is near –
near and coming quickly.
The cry on the day of the LORD is bitter;
the Mighty Warrior shouts his battle cry.
15 That day will be a day of wrath –
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of trouble and ruin,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and blackness –
16 a day of trumpet and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the corner towers.

17 'I will bring such distress on all people
that they will grope about like those who are blind,
because they have sinned against the LORD.
Their blood will be poured out like dust
and their entrails like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath.' **©NIV/UK**

Matthew Ch25: vv.14-30

'Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. 15 To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. 16 The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. 17 So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. 18 But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

19 'After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. 20 The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. "Master," he said, "you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more."

21 'His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

22 'The man with two bags of gold also came. "Master," he said, "you entrusted me with two bags of gold: see, I have gained two more."

23 'His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

24 'Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. "Master," he said, "I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25 So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you."

26 'His master replied, "You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? 27 Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

28 '"So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. 29 For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. 30 And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." **©NIV/UK**