The Collect (Prayer for the Day)

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Services next Sunday 1st November – **All Saints**

9.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's, Glemsford
10.30am Family Service at All Saints'. Hartest

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

This Week

Wed 28th Oct 11am Midweek Morning Service at St Mary's, Glemsford. Coffee from 10.30am.

Wed 28th Oct 7pm The Fellowship Group meets at 16 Whitlands, Glemsford, this week.

Dates for the Diary

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

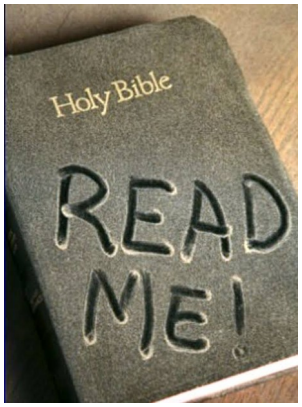
Please pray for our new Priest:

Dear Lord, call to our churches a true Shepherd,
a man or woman of God, a minister of Christ, and make us,
with him or her, a church joyful in worship and united in
witness, working, caring, praising, loving, to the glory of your
Name, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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The Glem Valley United Benefice



Sunday 25th October 2026

Bible Sunday

Last Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's, Glemsford
6.00pm Evening Service at Holy Trinity, Boxted

Thanks to Rev. Simon White for leading our services today

Today

BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship 8.10am
from the Iona Community
BBC 1 Songs of Praise 1.15pm
BBC Radio 3 Choral Evensong 6.00pm
from the University of Glasgow Memorial Chapel

1 Thessalonians Ch2: vv.1-8

You know, brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not without results. [2] We had previously suffered and been treated outrageously in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in the face of strong opposition.

3 For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure
motives, nor are we trying to trick you. 4 On the contrary, we speak
as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are
not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts. 5 You
know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up
greed—God is our witness. 6 We were not looking for praise from
people, not from you or anyone else, even though as apostles of
Christ we could have asserted our authority. 7 Instead, we were like
young children among you.

Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, 8 so we cared for
you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share
with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well. **©NIV/UK**

Gospel according to Matthew Ch.22: vv.34-46

Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got
together. 35 One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this
question: 36 'Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the
Law?'

37 Jesus replied: '"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and
with all your soul and with all your mind." 38 This is the first and
greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: "Love your
neighbour as yourself." 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on
these two commandments.'

41 While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them,
42 'What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?'

'The son of David,' they replied.

43 He said to them, 'How is it then that David, speaking by the
Spirit, calls him "Lord"? For he says,

44 '"The Lord said to my Lord: 'Sit at my right hand until I put your
enemies under your feet.'"

45 If then David calls him "Lord", how can he be his son?' 46 No one
could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask
him any more questions. **©NIV/UK**

Psalm 90: vv.1-6,13-17*

1 Lord, you have been our dwelling-place
throughout all generations.
2 Before the mountains were born
or you brought forth the whole world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
3 You turn people back to dust,
saying, 'Return to dust, you mortals.'
4 A thousand years in your sight
are like a day that has just gone by,
or like a watch in the night.
5 Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death –
they are like the new grass of the morning:
6 In the morning it springs up new,
but by evening it is dry and withered.
13 Relent, LORD! How long will it be?
Have compassion on your servants.
14 Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.
15 Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,
for as many years as we have seen trouble.
16 May your deeds be shown to your servants,
your splendour to their children.
17 May the favour of the Lord our God rest on us;
establish the work of our hands for us –
yes, establish the work of our hands**.** **©NIV/UK**