Post Communion

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Services next Sunday 29th November – **Advent Sunday**

10.30am Benefice Communion at St Mary's, Glemsford

This Week

Wed 25th Nov 11am Midweek Morning Service at St Mary's, Glemsford. Coffee from 10.30am.

Wed 25th Nov 7pm Repeat screening of the People's Emergency Briefing film
at the Old Library Room, Glemsford Village Hall.
Places limited – booking recommended

Dates for the Diary – Please see posters

Tues 1st Dec 7pm St Mary's PCC meets at The Old School Hall

Fri 4th Dec 2pm Wardens Planning Meeting (Hartest)

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:

- the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, that somehow a just peace may emerge and people's suffering there may end.
- those in our communities in need and our response

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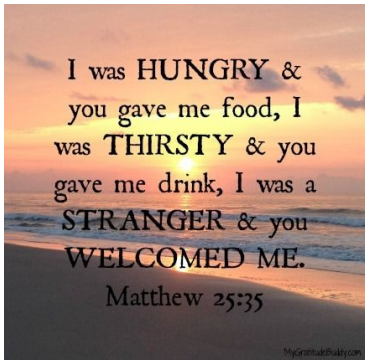

Sunday 22nd November 2026

Christ the King

The Sunday next before Advent

10.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's, Glemsford

6.00pm Advent Carol Service at Holy Trinity, Boxted

Thanks to Revd. Rowland Bareham and Richard W-P for leading our services today

BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship 8.10am

BBC 1 Songs of Praise 1.25pm
A Faith Journey

BBC Radio 3 Choral Evensong 6.00pm
from Blackburn Cathedral

Ezekiel Ch34: vv.11-16, 20-24

11 For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. 12 As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered

on a day of clouds and thick darkness. [13] I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. [14] I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. [15] I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. [16] I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

[20] Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. [21] Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, [22] I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

[23] I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. [24] And I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the Lord have spoken. **©NRSVUE**

Matthew Ch25: vv.31-46

[31] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. [32] All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, [33] and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. [34] Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, [35] for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, [36] I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' [37] Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? [38] And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? [39] And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' [40] And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' [41] Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, [42] for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, [43] I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' [44] Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' [45] Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' [46] And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life." **©NRSVUE**

The Collect (Prayer for the Day)

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.
Amen.