

# Kempsford

(with Whelford, Dunfield and Dudgrove)

## Parish Newsletter

### July & August 2026

**KVH**  
KEMPSFORD  
VILLAGE HALL

# KEMPSFORD

## Fete

**A FUN DAY FOR ALL THE FAMILY!**

**KIDS GAMES | CRAFT STALLS | BOUNCY CASTLE**  
**SPORTS EVENTS | DOG SHOW**

**FOOD AND DRINK**

- Gurt Wings
- BBQ
- Bar
- Tea, coffee and cake
- Ice cream

**SATURDAY**  
**12**  
**SEPTEMBER**  
**2026**

**LIVE MUSIC**  
FROM:  
**PRESTO**

**+ MORE TO BE ANNOUNCED!**

**FROM 2PM - LATE**

info@kempsfordvillagehall@kempsford.net | Charity number: 1210021

# Parish Diary

## JULY

Sun	5th	9.30am	St Mary's Kempsford	Holy Communion
Wed	8th	5.00pm - 7.30pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Chippy Van
Thurs	9th	12.00pm - 2.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Community Café
Sun	12th	9.30am	St Mary's Kempsford	Service of the Word
Sun	12th	11.30am - 12.30pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Knead Bakery
Mon	13th	5.00pm - 7.30pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Pizza Van
Sat	18th	11.30am - 12.30pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Knead Bakery
Sun	19th	10.00am	St. James Marston Meysey	'All together' Holy Communion
Wed	22nd	5.00pm - 7.30pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Chippy Van
Sun	26th	10.00am	St Anne's Whelford	'All together' Holy Communion
Mon	27th	5.00pm - 7.30pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Pizza Van
Mon	27th	7.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Parish Council Meeting

## AUGUST

Sun	2nd	10.00am	St Mary's Kempsford	'All together' Holy Communion
Wed	5th	5.00pm - 7.30pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Chippy Van
Sun	9th	10.00am	St Mary's Castle Eaton	'All together' Holy Communion
Mon	10th	5.00pm - 7.30pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Pizza Van
Sun	16th	10.00am	St Mary's Meysey Hamptor	'All together' Holy Communion
Mon	17th	7.00pm	Whelford Hall TBC	Parish Council Meeting
Wed	19th	5.00pm - 7.30pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Chippy Van
Sun	23rd	10.00am	St Anne's Whelford	'All together' Holy Communion
Mon	24th	5.00pm - 7.30pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Pizza Van
Mon	24th		SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER COPY DEADLINE	
Sun	30th	10.00am	St. James Marston Meysey	'All together' Holy Communion

## REGULAR EVENTS

Mondays	10am - 11am	Kempsford Village Hall	Rosie's Pilates Plus
Mondays & Wednesdays		Fairford Hospital	Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities Edna Dawes Lunch Club Tel:07713 607106
Tuesdays	7.00pm - 9.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Short Mat Bowls (treasurerkempsford@gmail.com)
Wednesdays	5.00pm - 7.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Youth Club (Term time only)
Thursdays	12.00 - 2.00pm	Kempsford VH Garden	Community Garden open (weather permitting)
Thursdays	12.00 - 2.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Post Office
Last Friday in mth	7.00 - 10.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Line Dancing
1st Friday in mth	10.00 - 12.00	Fairford Comm. Centre	Bereavement Café

## Kempsford Village Hall – July & August 2026

### Regular Events

Mon	Pilates <a href="mailto:rosie@rosiehowenutrition.com">rosie@rosiehowenutrition.com</a>  Pizza Van 13 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> July, 10 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> August <a href="mailto:solelunapizza3@gmail.com">solelunapizza3@gmail.com</a>	10:00am – 11:00am  5:00pm – 7:30pm
Tue	Short Mat Bowls <a href="mailto:treasurerkempsford@gmail.com">treasurerkempsford@gmail.com</a>	7:00pm – 9:00pm
Wed	Youth Club Chippy Van 8 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> July, 5 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> August. <a href="mailto:info@thecotswoldchippy.co.uk">info@thecotswoldchippy.co.uk</a>	5:00pm – 7:00pm  5:00pm – 7:30pm
Thur	Post Office  Community Café 9 <sup>th</sup> July	12:00pm – 2:00pm  12:00pm – 2:00pm

### Other Upcoming Events

12 <sup>th</sup> July	Knead Bakery	11:30am – 12:30pm
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Knead Bakery	11:30am – 12:30pm

The hall and bar will be open for the England World Cup Football games on the big screen. Check time on the village Facebook page.

No Line Dancing in July and August.

Save The Date

Kempsford Village Fete 12<sup>th</sup> **September**. **It's going to be a fun day**  
with lots more going on this year.

## **CHURCH SERVICES IN JULY & AUGUST:**

5 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30am	Holy Communion, at St Mary's, Kempford
12 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30am	Service of the Word, at St Mary's, Kempford
19 <sup>th</sup> July	10am	'All together' Holy Communion at St James,' Marston Meysey
26 <sup>th</sup> July	10am	'All together' Holy Communion at St Anne's, Whelford
2 <sup>nd</sup> August	10am	'All together' Holy Communion at St Mary's, Kempford
9 <sup>th</sup> August	10am	'All together' Holy Communion at St Mary's, Castle Eaton
16 <sup>th</sup> August	10am	'All together' Holy Communion at St Mary's, Meysey Hampton
23 <sup>rd</sup> August	10am	'All together' Holy Communion at St Anne's, Whelford
30 <sup>th</sup> August	10am	'All together' Holy Communion at St James' Marston Meysey



## KEMPSFORD COMMUNITY CAFÉ Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 12 – 2pm

Try our Ploughmans lunches, Homemade Soup, Bread and Delicious Cakes, Fresh Coffee and Speciality Teas. Come and meet your friends and neighbours!  
There will not be a café in August, the next one will be on 10<sup>th</sup> September.

# KNEAD

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## **KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL**

**SUNDAY 12TH JULY - 11.30AM TO 12.30PM**

**SATURDAY 18TH JULY - 11.30AM TO 12.30PM**

## Fairford Royal British Legion Branch

### Announcement

The Fairford Branch of the Royal British Legion is pleased to announce the amalgamation of the Fairford Poppy Appeal with the areas of Kempford, Whelford, Castle Eaton, and Dunfield

We warmly welcome all previous volunteers who have supported the Poppy Appeal in these communities. If you would like to continue helping, please contact Bruce Bodio, Fairford Poppy Appeal Organiser, using the details below.

Contact Details: Fairford Poppy Appeal Organiser Name: Bruce Bodio

Email: [bib@bodio.co.uk](mailto:bib@bodio.co.uk) Mobile: 07802 501817

Individuals or organisations requiring wreaths for upcoming commemorations are kindly asked to contact Bruce at the earliest opportunity to ensure timely arrangements.

The Fairford RBL Branch thanks all volunteers and supporters for their continued dedication to the Poppy Appeal and to the work of the Royal British Legion.

## **ST MARY'S KEMPSFORD WITH ST ANNE'S WHELFORD**

Contact details for the parish

Rev Catie - 01285 671490 or [Rev.catie@gmail.com](mailto:Rev.catie@gmail.com)

Lay Preachers – Rob Mitchell 01285 712821 & Elizabeth Emberson [dizzylizzie@sky.com](mailto:dizzylizzie@sky.com)

Church wardens: Keith Howlett - 01285 712268 [churchwarden@kempsford.net](mailto:churchwarden@kempsford.net)

or there is a Facebook page The 5 Villages

### **Curate Catie's Monthly Musings for July & August**

Dear Friends,

As I write, another school year is drawing to a close. For many, the summer holidays are just around the corner, bringing a welcome change of pace, family time, and opportunities for rest and adventure. We particularly hold in our prayers the Y6 pupils who will soon be leaving primary school and taking the exciting, and sometimes daunting, step to secondary education. We wish them every blessing as they begin this new chapter.

Summer is also a time when our villages come alive with fetes, gatherings, celebrations and community events. Whether you are helping to organise, volunteering behind the scenes, or simply enjoying the occasion, these events remind us of the strength and warmth of village life and the importance of belonging to a community.

In the Church, we have now entered what is known as 'Ordinary Time' but despite its name, there is nothing ordinary about it! Following the great seasons of Lent and Easter, this is the time when we reflect on how our faith is lived out in everyday life and the green colours seen in church symbolise growth, life, and the steady work of discipleship.

Ordinary Time reminds us that faith is not only about special festivals and significant occasions. It is found in the small acts of kindness we offer, the courage we show when things are difficult, the care we give to our neighbours, and the choices we make each day; because in these ordinary moments we show God's love to those around us.

So, as summer unfolds, may we all find time to rest, to enjoy the beauty of God's creation, and to cherish the people around us. Whether travelling further afield or staying closer to home, may this season bring refreshment, joy and peace.

With every blessing,

Rev. Catie

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# July in Kempsford - by Roz Savage MP

One of the things I love most about representing South Cotswolds is the chance to spend time in places like Kempsford. Especially at this time of year, when the countryside is at its best, it is easy to see why so many people care so deeply about protecting the character of our villages and the landscapes around them.

That being said, I know that recently there are aspects of this part of the world that might not feel as serene and beautiful as we are used to thanks to activity at RAF Fairford. Though disturbances may be on the rise thanks to increased operations, I want to make sure that you know I hear these concerns and share them. It is why I have put a question to the Prime Minister in recent weeks as well as writing a letter to the Secretary of State for Defence.

I will do everything in my power to push for better living conditions for those that are being affected by their close vicinity to the base. Constant loud noise late into the night for many of the people living close to the airbase is completely unsustainable in the long and even short term.

I have also been hearing about your road safety concerns. I have been pursuing casework from local residents on dangerous conditions for cyclists on local roads. It is the kind of issue that can feel too small to register with decision-makers, yet it matters enormously to the people who use those roads every day. Often, these everyday issues have the greatest impact on quality of life.

In Parliament, I have continued to press for action on these issues and others that matter to rural communities. Whether it is as big as RAF Fairford or as small as local road safety, my focus is always the same: helping to ensure that places like Kempsford remain wonderful places to live, work and raise a family.

If you have a local issue you would like to raise, I would be delighted to hear from you. One of the things I value most about this role is hearing directly from residents and learning from their experiences. Please do get in touch.

Warm wishes,

Roz

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GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL		Switchboard	01452 425000
		Adult Social Services	01452 426868
		<b>Children's Social Services</b>	01452 426565
GLOUCESTERSHIRE HIGHWAYS		highways@gloucestershire.gov.uk	08000 514 514
WILTSHIRE HIGHWAYS		northernhighways@wiltshire.gov.uk	0300 456 0105
SSE		Reporting of power cuts	105 or
Thames Water			0800 316 9800
Environment Agency		Floodline - 0845 9881188	03708 506 506
Non-emergency	Police		101
NHS 111 Service		(when less urgent than 999)	111
Hilary Cottage Surgery			01285 712377
FRIENDS OF FAIRFORD & LECHLADE COMMUNITIES - Serving Fairford, Lechlade & surrounding villages			
Administrator	Kerry	admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk	01285 707300

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Coln Stores Garden**  
**Fete & Produce Show**  
**4 - 6pm**

- ★ Games ★ Dog Show ★
- ★ Produce Show Auction ★
- ★ BBQ ★ Bar ★
- ★ Free Entry ★

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**Party**  
**6pm – Late**



- ★ BBQ ★ Bar ★ Live Music ★
- ★ Free Entry ★

*All profits donated to local good causes*

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