

# Kempsford

(with Whelford, Dunfield and Dudgrove)

## Parish Newsletter

### November 2025



*Gifts & More Craft Fair*  
*15th November*

*Kempsford Village Hall*

*10.30am to 3.30pm*

*Find unique handcrafted gifts,  
treats and decorations*

- ★ Sandolce artisan chocolates    ★ Cotswold House of Cards Handcrafted & bespoke cards
- ★ Pulara Malaysian-inspired jewellery & more    ★ Nikki's Re-cycled Fabric & Ephemera Gifts
- ★ Jane's Embroidery Creations & Other Crafts    ★ Judy's Paintings & Painted Items
- ★ Carmen's Simply Sparkles    ★ Tom's Wooden Signs Bespoke Wall Art
- ★ Chip Off The Old Black Woodwork Items    ★ Veronica's Beads & Bunting
- ★ and more...

*Enter the Big Surprises Raffle*

Organised by Kempford and Whelford PCC  
Raising funds to improve facilities, including an accessible toilet, to better serve our community and all those who use St Mary's Kempford

# Parish Diary

## NOVEMBER

Sat	1st	7.00pm - 10.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Barn Dance
Sun	2nd	9.30am	St Mary's Kempsford	Holy Communion
Sun	2nd	4.00pm	St Mary's Castle Eaton	All Souls Service - all churches together
Mon	3rd	5.00pm - 7.30pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Pizza Van
Thurs	6th	10.00am - 7.00pm	Community Centre Fairford	Gas mains road closure Open Day
Sun	9th	10.50am	St Mary's Kempsford	Remembrance Sunday Service
Wed	12th	5.00pm - 7.30pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Chippy Van
Thurs	13th	12.00pm - 2.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Community Café
Sat	15th	10.30am - 3.30pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Gifts & More Craft Fair
Sun	16th	9.30am	St Anne's Whelford	Holy Communion - all churches together
Sun	16th	4.00pm	St Mary's Kempsford	Family Forest Church Service
Mon	17th	5.00pm - 7.30pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Pizza Van
Mon	17th	7.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Parish Council Meeting
Mon	17th	7.00pm for 7.30pm	Memorial Hall Lechlade	Lechlade History Society - Cotswolds Cornucopia
Sat	22nd	10.00am - 12.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Davina's Crafting Workshop
Sun	23rd	9.30am	St Mary's Kempsford	Christ the King' Holy Communion - all together
Mon	24th	<b>COMBINED DECEMBER &amp; JANUARY NEWSLETTER COPY DEADLINE</b>		
Wed	26th	5.00pm - 7.30pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Chippy Van
Sat	29th	7.00pm	St Mary's Church, Fairford	Fairford & District Choral Society Christmas concert
Sun	30th	9.30am	Meysey Hampton	Advent Sunday Holy Communion - all together

## DECEMBER

Sat	6th	11.00am - 2.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Family Christmas Café and children's arts & crafts
Sat	6th	6.00pm	St Mary's Kempsford	Christmas Soiree. Admission free, all welcome.
Sat	13th	5.30pm for 6.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Bingo

## 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
1st Friday in mth	10.00 - 12.00	Fairford Community Centre	Bereavement Café

## Kempsford Village Hall – November Events

### Regular Events

Mon	Pilates <a href="mailto:rosie@rosiehowenutrition.com">rosie@rosiehowenutrition.com</a>  Pizza Van 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> <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 12 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> <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 13 <sup>th</sup>	12:00pm – 2:00pm  12:00pm – 2:00pm

### Other Upcoming Events

1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Barn Dance. £10 per ticket. £30 for family of four (2 adults, 2 children) Refreshments available. First drink free. Tickets 07821 540088	7:00pm – 10pm
15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Craft Fair	10:30am – 3:30pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Davina's Crafting Workshop	10:00pm – 12:00
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Family Christmas Café and arts & crafts for children.	11:00am – 2:00pm
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Bingo	5:30pm for eyes down at 6:00pm

**Line Dancing last Friday of every month starting 30<sup>th</sup> Jan.  
Details to follow.**

## **Church Services for Kempstord & Whelford – November**

Sunday 2nd	9.30am	Holy Communion, Kempstord
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.50am	Remembrance Sunday service, Kempstord
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 4pm	Holy Communion, Whelford – all churches together Family Forest Church Service, Kempstord
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	'Christ the King' Holy Communion, Kempstord – all together
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Advent Sunday Holy Communion, Meysey Hampton – All Together

*For details of services across the Five Villages, please see the noticeboard at church*

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## **CHRISTMAS SOIRÉE**

AN EVENING OF MUSIC, LIGHT, AND CELEBRATION AT ST MARY'S CHURCH  
KEMPSFORD

SATURDAY, 6TH DECEMBER 6:00 PM

MINCE PIES & MULLED WINE SERVED IN INTERVAL

ADMISSION FREE, ALL WELCOME

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## **LECHLADE HISTORY SOCIETY**

**Monday November 17th at The Memorial Hall, Lechlade 7pm for 7.30pm**

The **AGM** followed by a talk called **Cotswolds Cornucopia** by **Sean Callery**

The Cotswolds is one of Britain's most scenic areas with its rolling green hills speckled with honey coloured villages

There is a story behind every site, for this area was once the heart of the English economy .. now its landscape is regarded as one of Britain's treasures

Sean will take us on a whirlwind tour of Ten famous Cotswold villages and towns, enjoy their scenery and stories - plus at each stop off there is a quirky fact that he guarantees will surprise us

The talk reveals how Japan connects with a famous landmark and some connections with sport, writers and the Houses of Parliament

# 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)

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or there is a Facebook page The 5 Villages

## Curate Catie's Monthly Musings for November

Dear friends,

The clocks have gone back and the evenings are drawing in - a sure sign that November has arrived!

And it is a month of remembering in the church. On **Sunday 2nd November at 4pm** we'll gather at **St Mary's, Castle Eaton** for our **All Souls Service**. It's a quiet and gentle time to remember and give thanks for those we love but see no longer. Names will be read aloud and candles lit in their memory. If you didn't manage to add a name in church, you can still do so on the day, and if you need a lift, just let me know.

The following week is **Remembrance Sunday**, when we come together to honour those who served and those who gave their lives in war and conflict. It is important that we continue to remember their sacrifice, and everyone is very welcome to attend.

Our monthly **Family Forest Church** continues - a chance to explore faith outdoors through nature, stories and creativity. It's fun, relaxed, informal and suitable for all ages, and new faces are always welcome.

On **23rd November** we celebrate **Christ the King**. Jesus' kingship isn't about power or status, but is shown through his love, service and sacrifice. His coming as a human being was God's way of entering our world to share our lives and bring hope; so on this last Sunday of the church calendar, that is what we look forward to celebrating at Christmas.

Then on **30th November** we begin **Advent**, the journey towards Christmas. It's a season of hope and expectation, and we'll be running an **Advent Group** again this year for anyone who would like to join in - more details soon.

Wherever you are and whatever this month holds for you, may you know God's peace and hope.

With every blessing,

Rev. Catie

[Rev.catie@gmail.com](mailto:Rev.catie@gmail.com)

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## ALL SOULS SERVICE, SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 4pm

### All churches together at St Mary's, Castle Eaton

A quiet service of reflection, music, prayers and readings to remember and give thanks for the lives of loved ones


***We will light a candle for each person we remember by name.***

To have someone remembered by name (even if you're unable to come to the service) please put their name(s) in the box at the back of church.

We warmly invite you and any other members of your family or circle of friends to come along and remember on November 2nd. Everyone is welcome and we'd be really pleased to see you.

Rev'd Catie

**Fairford & District Choral Society Christmas concert** will be held at 7pm on Saturday 29 November at St Mary's Church, Fairford. The choir will be performing Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols accompanied by Reuben West on the harp. The choir will be joined by Fairford Primary School to perform Wassail by Alexander L'Estrange. The Musical Director will be Nia Llewelyn Jones. Tickets are £15 and available from Fairford Opticians



PARANORMAL MEET  
KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL  
6:45 - 8:45 PM  
FRI 31<sup>ST</sup> OCT  
£3 DONATION

INTRO TO THE  
PARANORMAL

SHARE YOUR  
EXPERIENCES

TEA COFFEE CAKE

TO BOOK USE QR CODE  
ABOVE!

ALTERNATIVELY EMAIL  
SPECTRALSHARING@GMAIL.COM



The Robin, Gloucestershire County Council's new on-demand bus service, is designed to serve residents since the two 2022-launch areas, now covering five areas and roughly 2005sq km of the county!

📞 Book over the phone - call The Robin call centre on 0345 2638139 - pay the driver (cash or contactless). 8am – 4pm Monday to Friday.

💻 Book via the website - pay via the website or choose to pay the driver

📱 Book via the phone app (Apple or Android) - pay via the app or choose to pay the driver



## CONTACTS

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Choir	Mrs Cathy Stanford		01285 713033
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Secretary & Trustee	Kathy Woodward	infokempsfordvillagehall@kempsford.net	
Community Garden	Jacqui Howlett		01285 712268
<b>WHELFORD VILLAGE HALL</b>			
Bookings	Sue Griffin	374croft@gmail.com	01285 712979
<b>SCHOOLS</b>			
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School Governors		chair@kempsford.gloucs.sch.uk	01285 810875
Farmors School	Matthew Evans (Head)		01285 712302
COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL	(including Bulk Refuse)		01285 623000
GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL	Switchboard		01452 425000
	Adult Social Services		01452 426868
	Children's Social Services		01452 426565
GLOUCESTERSHIRE HIGHWAYS	highways@gloucestershire.gov.uk		08000 514 514
WILTSHIRE HIGHWAYS	northernhighways@wiltshire.gov.uk		0300 456 0105
Royal British Legion	Mr A Hill		01285 810035
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
<b>FRIENDS OF FAIRFORD &amp; LECHLADE COMMUNITIES - Serving Fairford, Lechlade &amp; surrounding villages</b>			
Administrator	Kerry	admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk	01285 707300

Kempsford village hall presents a...

# BARN DANCE

With live ceillidh band



SAT 1ST NOVEMBER

**Tickets:**

£10 each, £30 family of 4

email

[infokempsfordvillagehall@kempsford.net](mailto:infokempsfordvillagehall@kempsford.net)

phone 07821540088

7pm - 10pm

doors open at 6.30p

Bar & refreshments available



## **KEMPSFORD COMMUNITY CAFÉ**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 12 – 2pm**

Come and try our Homemade Soup and Bread, Delicious Cakes, Fresh Coffee and Speciality Teas.

If you haven't been before you're missing a treat!