

Kempsford

(with Whelford, Dunfield and Dudgrove)

Parish Newsletter

November 2023



Autumn



Pre-Loved Sale



Kempsford Village Hall, GL7 4EY

on

Saturday 18th November 2023



12.00 noon – 3.00pm



Clothing, Bric a Brac, Toys and Books

Refreshments Available

Come along and grab a bargain

Admission 20p per adult



Sale items/donations can be dropped off

at the Village Hall on

Friday between 3.00-4.30pm

and

Saturday between 9.00-10.00am

****Proceeds in aid of Village Hall Funds****

Parish Diary

NOVEMBER

Fri	3rd	6pm for 6.30 start	Kempsford Village Hall	BINGO Refreshments * Cash prizes * Raffle
Sat	4th	10.30am - 3.30pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Advent Craft Fair Raffle to be drawn at 3.15pm
Sun	5th	9.30am	St. Mary's Kempford	Holy Communion
Mon	6th	5.15pm - 7.00pm	Kempsford School Hall	The Long Table Meal
Wed	8th	1.00pm - 3.30pm	Kempsford School	Open Day
Thurs	9th	12.00 - 2.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	CAFÉ - Homemade Soups & Breads, Delicious Cakes, Coffee & Teas
Fri	10th	10.50am	The War Memorial, St. Mary's	Kempsford Primary School yrs 5&6
Sun	12th	10.50am	The War Memorial, St. Mary's	Service of Remembrance
Tues	16th	7.45pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Parish Council Meeting
Sat	18th	12.00 - 3.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Autumn Pre-Loved Sale
Sun	19th	9.30am	St. Anne's, Whelford	Holy Communion
Sun	19th	4.00pm	St. Mary's Kempford	Family Service
Mon	20th			Copy Deadline - Dec/Jan Newsletter
Sat	25th	7.30pm	Fairford Community Centre	Wine Tasting Event - Info: admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk
Sun	26th	9.30am	St. Mary's Kempford	Holy Communion

DECEMBER

Sat	2nd	5.30 for 6pm start	Kempsford Village Hall	BINGO
Sat	2nd		St. Mary's Church, Fairford	Fairford & District Choral Society Concert For further info contact 01285 713681
Mon	4th	5.15pm - 7.00pm	Kempsford School Hall	The Long Table Meal
Sat	9th	6.00pm	St. Mary's Kempford	Christmas Soirée - Everyone welcome for a free evening of musical entertainment.
Tues	12th	7.45pm	Whelford Village Hall	Parish Council Meeting
Sat	23rd	1pm til late	Kempsford Village Hall	Darts Tournament - Bar * cash & special prizes * bar snacks * classic bar games

REGULAR EVENTS

Mondays	10.00am - 11.00am	Kempsford Village Hall	Pilates - Rona Bennett
Tuesdays	9.30am - 10.00am	St. Mary's Kempford	Morning Prayer
Wednesdays	5.00pm - 6.15pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Youth Club (Term time only)
Wednesdays	6.15pm - 7.30pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Youth Club (Term time only)
Thursdays	12.00 - 2.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Post Office

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

Cotswold District Council has announced the closure of their print room. They have printed our Parish Newsletters since the beginning, providing an excellent and very cost effective service.

The cost of printing by external suppliers is over double what we have previously paid and therefore the Parish Council has given considerable thought to how we can continue to produce the monthly newsletter.

Ideally, it would be best if we only printed hard copies for those people who read it and do not have access to online methods of viewing it. Realistically, this is difficult given how the newsletter is distributed by the team of volunteers.

We have decided to try and 'slim-down' the size of the newsletter as a first step, and do this through use of a 'Parish Diary' and better contact details. So, rather than have a full page poster which may only include an event title, date and time, it would appear as a line in the diary. Contact details for the event organiser i.e. Kempsford Village Hall will be included in the Useful Contact page.

To all those who regularly submit copy/articles for the newsletter, we would be grateful if you can please try to minimise the space you require. Thank you.



Open Day

Wednesday 8th November
1pm – 3:30pm

You can enjoy a tour of the pre-school and an introductory talk by our Head, Mrs Seward.
Hear from our pupils, enjoy a tour of the whole school and meet our staff.
Refreshments will be available.

If you are unable to make the above date, please ring or email the office to make an appointment to look around the school:

01285 810367

admin@kempsford.gloucs.sch.uk



ST MARY'S KEMPSFORD WITH ST ANNE'S WHELFORD

Contact details for the parish

Rev Kim Brown - 01285 810954 or revkimbrown10a@gmail.com

Lay Preacher – Rob Mitchell 01285 712821

Church wardens: Elizabeth Emberson dizzylizzie@sky.com

or Keith Howlett - 01285 712268 churchwarden@kempsford.net

or there is a Facebook page The 5 Villages

Autumn is definitely upon us, and the weather has turned colder all of a sudden. Today I'm wearing thermals, a thick jumper and hiking socks to work in as my boiler is broken, but many kind people made offers of heaters and hot baths at church yesterday. I've just come back to work after several weeks off sick. Its' been a time of feeling pretty weak and living alone it's been a hard period.

I write this openly because I notice that its' become harder to admit to weakness or loneliness in our society, and harder to ask for help if you don't have family nearby who can come regularly. And yet, more and more people do live alone 30% of households in the UK are now single person households. Loneliness isn't just confined to older people – many young people surveyed recently admitted to feeling lonely and unconnected to others, and finding the period between November and February particularly difficult.

My time at home feeling ill was hard, but it was probably good for me, in that it reminded me of my human frailty and my need to relate to other people. Feeling connected to others is one of the most important factors in good physical and mental health. In winter that becomes harder, and also in this cost-of-living crisis – worrying about money, about the cost of heating, about having enough to eat are all things that can isolate us from one another further, because we are embarrassed. It is hard to ask for help, but we all have times when things are not going well – this is our shared human experience.

It would make a big difference if we could make strong connections with our neighbours and friends over winter – if we could call round for a cuppa or invite someone in, if we had someone we knew we could chat to when the day feels dark and chilly. We all have low days, where energy is in short supply, when a cup of tea and a kind word make all the difference in the world. The village café, the Long Table meal, the community garden, and the church are all places where everyone is welcome and kindness, friendship and tea are freely available. Let's be a village that comes together, and gives and receives that care this autumn and winter.

With love, Rev Kim.

St Mary's, Kempsford with St Anne's, Whelford

November Church Services

Sunday 5 November	9.30 am Kempsford	Holy Communion
Sunday 12 November	10.50 am At the War Memorial at Kempsford	Service of Remembrance
Sunday 19 November	9.30 am Whelford 4 pm Kempsford	Holy Communion Family Service
Sunday 26 November	9.30 am Kempsford	Holy Communion

Morning Prayer continues to take place on Tuesday mornings for half an hour from 9.30am. **St Mary's** is open every day from 10 am till 4 pm, & **St Anne's** on Fridays, for prayer and reflection.

Thank you for your continued generous donations to the Food bank. Collection boxes are **in place in the porches at both St Mary's and St Anne's and are emptied regularly.** Items needed are: Sweets & chocolate, jam, peanut butter, marmite spreads, breakfast bars, sponge puddings, custard, and longlife large juice cartons.

Dates Ahead:

Saturday 4 November 10.30am - 3.30pm Advent Craft Fair. Come and buy all your Christmas goodies at The Village Hall. Refreshments will be provided.

Monday 6 November 5.15pm The Long Table meal, School Hall. All are welcome – please book in with Rev Kim by Friday with any dietary requirements, and bring a cash donation of any amount for the bucket, to cover food costs.

Friday 10 November 10.50am Kempsford Primary School year 5 & 6 at the War Memorial for an Act of Remembrance.

TEAMS4U CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL: Thanks to everyone who have filled shoe boxes. Please could all boxes be returned to Rosemary Andrews by Friday 3 November with a small donation towards postage. With grateful thanks.

Christmas Soirée Saturday 9th December at 6pm in Kempsford Church.

Everyone welcome for a free evening of musical entertainment. Girls choir, soloists and pianists. Mulled wine and mince pies served in the interval.

Sharon Elliott

CONTACTS

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PARISH COUNCIL

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CHURCH

Vicar	Rev Kim Brown	revkimbrown10a@gmail.com	01285 810954
Lay Preacher	Rob Mitchell		01285 712821
Church Warden	Elizabeth Emberson	dizzylizzie@sky.com	
Church Warden	Keith Howlett	churchwarden@kempsford.net	01285 712268
Choir	Mrs Cathy Stanford		01285 713033
Church & Hand Bells	Iris Lewis		01285 810770

KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair & Trustee	Ian Housley		
Secretary & Trustee	Kathy Woodward	To contact any Committee Member email -	
Treasurer & Trustee	Andy Gray	infokempsfordvillagehall@kempsford.net	
Bookings Secretary	Luke Fry		
Bookings Secretary	Molly Pekarik Fry		
Member	Hannah Dickens		
Member	Cassie Vickery-Cummings		
Parish Council Rep	Karen Saunders		

Community Garden	Jacqui Howlett		01285 712268
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WHELFORD VILLAGE HALL

Bookings	Sue Griffin	374croft@gmail.com	01285 712979
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SCHOOLS

Kempsford School	Helen Seward (Head)	admin@kempsford.gloucs.sch.uk	01285 810367
School Governors		chair@kempsford.gloucs.sch.uk	01285 810875
Farmors School	Matthew Evans (Head)		01285 712302

County Councillor	Dom Morris	dominic.morris@gloucestershire.gov.uk	07500894702
District Councillor	Clare Muir	clare.muir@cotswold.gov.uk	01285 711870
District Councillor	Helene Mansilla	helene.mansilla@cotswold.gov.uk	

Constituency MP	Sir G Clifton-Brown	cliftonbrown@parliament.uk	01242 514551
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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 0800 072 7282
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

Chair	Shelly	chair@friendsoffairford.org.uk	
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Patient Transport	Val	transport@friendsoffairford.org.uk	07540 798226
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Charity Shop	Linda	shop@friendsoffairford.org.uk	01367 252189
Edna Dawes Lunch	Katie	edlc@friendsoffairford.org.uk	07713 607106
Website		www.friendsoffairford.org.uk	

Gifts & More Craft Fair
Christmas Surprises Raffle

WIN a Christmas Treat
for yourself, your family or a friend for £1



**MYSTERY CASH PRIZE * Theatre Tickets 2 adults & 2 children*
Vouchers for meals out * Case of wine* Christmas Hamper*
Leisure Centre Gold Family Membership 1 month* Pet food *
and more....**

Grateful thanks to local businesses and individuals who have donated

Get your ticket(s) from:

Ann : 07760 272224 Jacqui : 01285 712268

Kempsford C.E. Primary

The Bull Hotel Fairford

Raffle prizes to be drawn at Kempford Village Hall
Saturday 4th November 3.15pm

Organised by Kempford and Whelford PCC
Raising funds to support the church in the community and to improve facilities at our
churches for services, community events and celebrations.