

Kempsford

(with Whelford, Dunfield and Dudgrove)

Parish Newsletter

MARCH 2024

Kempsford Village Hall

BEER

FESTIVAL

**SAT 16TH
MARCH**



**DOORS
OPEN 1PM**

**Ales - Cider - Gin Bar
Cotswold Chippy from 5:30pm**

WALES V ITALY - 2:15PM
IRELAND V SCOTLAND - 4:45PM
FRANCE V ENGLAND - 8PM

SIX NATIONS LIVE ON THE BIG SCREEN!!

Card payments accepted

Parish Diary

MARCH

Sat	2nd	1.00 - 2.30pm	Southrop Village Hall	Jumble Sale
Sun	3rd	9.30am	St Mary's Kempford	Holy Communion
Mon	4th	5.15pm	Kempford School Hall	Long Table
Tues	5th	6pm	Kempford Village Hall	Short Mat Bowls
Sat	9th	Doors 5.30pm for Eyes down at 6pm	Kempford Village Hall	BINGO
Sun	10th	9.30am	St Mary's Kempford	Mothering Sunday - Service of the Word
Tues	12th	2.30pm	Dunvegan in Whelford	Lent Group at the Howlett's Home, led by Rev Geoff Price
Tues	12th	6pm	Kempford Village Hall	Short Mat Bowls
Thurs	14th	12.00 - 2.00pm	Kempford Village Hall	Monthly CAFÉ
Sat	16th	1pm onwards	Kempford Village Hall	Beer Festival
Sun	17th	9.30am	St Anne's Whelford	Holy Communion
Sun	17th	4pm	St Mary's Kempford	Family Service
Tues	19th	2.30pm	The Mason's Arms, Meysey Hampton	Lent Group led by Catie Watson
Tues	19th	7pm	Fairford Community Centre	Friends of Fairford - AGM
Tues	19th	7.45pm	Kempford Village Hall	Parish Council Meeting
Sun	24th	9.30am	St Mary's Kempford	Holy Communion, followed by APCM
Mon	25th		COPY DEADLINE FOR APRIL NEWSLETTER	
Tues	26th	2.30pm	Mill House, Whelford	Lent Group at the Arkell's Home, led by Rev Jean Brown
Tues	26th	6pm	Kempford Village Hall	Short Mat Bowls
Tues	26th	7pm	Fairford Community Centre	Friends of Fairford Kushi Meal
Sun	31st	9.30am	St Mary's Kempford	Easter Day - Holy Communion

APRIL

Sun	7th	10.30am	St Mary's Kempford	Rev Kim's last Service - all welcome
Thurs	11th	12.00 - 2.00pm	Kempford Village Hall	Monthly CAFÉ
Tues	16th	7.45pm	Kempford Village Hall	Parish Council Meeting
Sat	27th		Fairford Community Centre	Friends of Fairford Wine Tasting Evening

REGULAR EVENTS

Mondays & Wednesdays		Fairford Hospital	Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities Edna Dawes Lunch Club Tel:07713607106
Tuesdays	9.30am - 10.00am	St. Mary's Kempford	Morning Prayer
Wednesdays	5.00pm - 6.15pm	Kempford Village Hall	Youth Club (Term time only)
Wednesdays	6.15pm - 7.30pm	Kempford Village Hall	Youth Club (Term time only)
Thursdays	12.00 - 2.00pm	Kempford Village Hall	Post Office



KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL CAFÉ
Thursday 14th March 12 – 2pm

Come and meet your friends and try our
Homemade Soups and Bread
Delicious Cakes,
Fresh Coffee and Speciality Teas

Kempford Village Hall committee is looking for someone to join the team in the role of booking clerk. We are a small and dedicated committee of volunteers who meet once a month and are collectively responsible for the management of the hall. This particular role will oversee the bookings using a new online booking system that will go live shortly. If you are interested in this role or would like to know more about it please drop an email to infokempfordvillagehall@kempford.net

Fairford & District Choral Society will perform their next concert on Saturday 13 April at 19.30 at St Mary's Church, Fairford. The concert programme is Dvorak Mass in D major and Faure Requiem. Our new conductor is Nia Llewelyn Jones and our accompanist will be Ian Crabbe. Soloists will be Charlotte Newstead (soprano), Nicole Boardman (Mezzo), Nicholas Drew (Tenor) and Nicholas Perfect (Bass). Tickets (£15 or £5 for under 18s) will be on sale in early March from members of the choir and Fairford Opticians.

Short Mat Bowls run every Tuesday at Kempford Village Hall except the week when the Parish Council meet—see Diary for further information.

Everyone welcome, £3 per person per session.

Refreshments available.



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

Despite the monsoons that have swept our villages of late, there is a definite sense of spring in the air. From my window I can see crocus, snowdrops, daffodils, primroses and catkins – all hopeful signs that the winter is passing and the rains may soon be gone. It always feels hopeful, redolent of new possibilities. Even while the news around the world is as dreadful as ever, we humans are deeply interconnected to nature around us and we too lift our heads to the sun like the bulbs and plants in springtime.

In the church year, Lent provides an opportunity to spring clean our lives and habits as well as our homes. We have come through the cold period of hibernation, and **now it's time to beat the carpets and air the rooms, as I remember doing with my grandmother on the 1st of March every year.** Spiritual spring cleaning is also helpful – reviewing the last year and pondering what went well, what is no longer purposeful or helpful, have we entered a new stage of life that needs to be acknowledged?

As you know, I am moving on from my post of Vicar here in the 5 villages after Easter. **This hasn't been an easy decision to make, but one borne of reflecting honestly on the stage of life I'm in and what is needful now. It's better to face up to things squarely, rather than avoiding what might be hard to acknowledge.**

In the Bible in the **Easter story, we see Jesus' friends not accepting or understanding** the truths he was telling them about the suffering that was going to come to him and them, and so they were unprepared for that brutal ending. But after that came a springtime, a resurrection – new life and a new era, bringing hope and a future. This is a pattern that God has hard wired into the earth through the seasons, and is **offered to us through his son Jesus. Let's take hold of it this spring and look for new shoots of hopefulness for the future.**

The last Long Table for this season will take place on Monday 5th March at 5.15pm in the school hall, serving shepherds pie. Please book in with me on 07714 998247. **My final service here will be at St. Mary's on Sun 7th April 2024 at 10:30am, all are welcome.**

With love, Rev'd Kim

Befriending Service

PEOPLE FOR YOU

Tetbury-Fairford-Lechlade

We offer a volunteer befriending service for the older people of your community and the surrounding area.

If you have an hour a week to spare, why not volunteer for us and spend it in the company of somebody who would really appreciate your time. Full training and support is provided, together with an opportunity to meet fellow volunteers and forge new friendships.

Or

If you feel that the service might be of interest to you or a family member or friend, then please do get in touch.

Contact Melanie Lewis

Telephone: 07810 630167

Email: peopleforyoucotswolds@gmail.com

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"My visitor is like a Fairy Godmother. Before I started having a regular visitor, my days were empty and I often felt low and uncared for. It is just lovely to have someone to talk to and who I can rely on. This is a brilliant service"

CONTACTS

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PARISH COUNCIL

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KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair & Trustee	Ian Housley		
Vice Chair	Jolan Flach		
Secretary & Trustee	Kathy Woodward	To contact any Committee Member email -	
Treasurer & Trustee	Andy Gray	infokempsfordvillagehall@kempsford.net	
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
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CONTACTS

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District Councillor	Helene Mansilla	helene.mansilla@cotswold.gov.uk	
Constituency MP	Sir G Clifton-Brown	cliftonbrown@parliament.uk	01242 514551

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

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Last Long Table before a break: Mon 4th March 5.15pm, please book in on 07714 998247

Rev Kim's last service – Sun 7th April 10.30am at St Mary's – all are welcome

Lent Groups will meet on the following Tuesdays for reflection ahead of Easter:

Tuesday 12 March 2:30pm at the Howlett's home, Dunvegan in Whelford, led by Rev Geoff Price

Tuesday 19 March 2:30pm at the Masons Arms, Meysey Hampton, led by Rev Catie Watson

Tuesday 26 March 2:30pm at the Arkell's home in Whelford, Mill House, led by Rev Jean Brown.

All are welcome.

Forward Notice:

Sunday 7 April at 10.30am **at St Mary's – Kim's final service, all are welcome** to celebrate the time Rev Kim has spent with us, before she leaves to take up a new position in Worcester Diocese.



KEMPSFORD WORLD BOOK DAY WINDOW TRAIL



2ND- 10TH MARCH
2024



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SCHOOL, KEMPSFORD POST OFFICE (THURSDAY ONLY)

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SCHOOL

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