

# Kempsford

(with Whelford, Dunfield and Dudgrove)

## Parish Newsletter

March 2025

Kempsford Village Hall

# BEER FESTIVAL

**SAT 15TH  
MARCH**



**DOORS  
OPEN 2PM**

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

**SIX NATIONS LIVE ON THE BIG SCREEN!!**

**ITALY V IRELAND – 2:15PM**

**WALES V ENGLAND – 4:45PM**

**FRANCE V SCOTLAND – 8PM**

Card payments accepted

# Parish Diary

## MARCH

Sun	2nd	9.30am	St Mary's Kempsford	Holy Communion
Wed	5th	5.00pm - 7.30pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Chippy Van
Sat	8th	1.00pm - 2.30pm	Southrop Village Hall	Jumble Sale
Sat	8th	5.30 for 6pm start	Kempsford Village Hall	Family BINGO
Sun	9th	9.30am	St Mary's Kempsford	Service of the Word
Mon	10th	5.00pm - 7.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Pizza Van
Thurs	13th	12.00pm - 2.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Community Café
Sat	15th	2.00pm until late	Kempsford Village Hall	Beer Festival
Sun	16th	9.30am	St Anne's, Whelford	Holy Communion
Sun	16th	4.00pm	St Mary's Kempsford	Family Service
Mon	17th	7.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Parish Council Meeting
Mon	17th	7pm for 7.30pm	Memorial Hall, Lechlade	Lechlade History Soc. - Littlecote Roman Villa
Wed	19th	5.00pm - 7.30pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Chippy Van
Sun	23rd	10.00am	St Mary's Kempsford	Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Sun	23rd	11.00am - 2.00pm	St Mary's Kempsford	5 villages Holy Communion with baptism
Mon	24th		APRIL NEWSLETTER COPY DEADLINE	
Mon	24th	5.00pm - 7.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Pizza Van
Sat	29th	11.00am - 2.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Family Café
Sun	30th	10.00am	Marston Meysey	Mothering Sunday - Joint Family Service

## APRIL

Sat	5th	7.30pm	St Mary's Fairford	Fairford & District Choral Society Concert
Mon	7th	7.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Annual Parish Meeting - All Welcome
Mon	14th	7pm for 7.30pm	Memorial Hall, Lechlade	Lechlade History Soc. - Queen Katherine Parr

## REGULAR EVENTS

Mondays	10am - 11am	Kempsford Village Hall	Rosie's Pilates Plus
Mondays		Fairford Hospital	Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities
& Wednesdays			Edna Dawes Lunch Club Tel:07713607106
Tuesdays	6.00pm - 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	7.00pm - 10.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Darts
Thursdays	12.00 - 2.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Post Office
Fridays	6.00pm - 7.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Zumba

## Kempsford Village Hall – MARCH Events

To book the village hall ; [villagehallbookings@kempsford.net](mailto:villagehallbookings@kempsford.net)

### Regular Events

Mon	Pilates <a href="mailto:rosie@rosiehowenutrition.com">rosie@rosiehowenutrition.com</a>	10:00am – 11:00am
	Pizza Van 10 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> solelunapizza3@gmail.com	5:00pm – 7:00pm
Tue	Short Mat Bowls treasurerkempsford@gmail.com	7:00pm – 9:00pm
Wed	Youth Club	5:00pm – 7:00pm
	Chippy Van 5 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> info@thecotswoldchippy.co.uk	5:00pm – 7:30pm
Thur	Post Office	12:00pm – 2:00pm
	Darts 6 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> <a href="mailto:davis.william68@yahoo.com">davis.william68@yahoo.com</a>	7:00pm – 10:00pm
	Community Café 13 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 – 2:00pm
Fri	Zumba bellaannie1@hotmail.com	6:00pm – 7:00pm

### Other Events

8 <sup>th</sup> March	Family Bingo	5:30pm for eyes down at 6:00pm
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Beer Festival	2.00pm until late
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Family Cafe	11.00am-2.00pm



KEMPSFORD COMMUNITY CAFÉ  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 12 – 2pm

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

## Volunteer needed to deliver Parish Newsletters at Reevey, Kempford

We are looking for a volunteer to take over delivering the Parish Newsletters at Reevey to replace Philippa Griffin when she moves in the Summer.

The round consists of 16 properties.

If you are interested, please contact the Parish Clerk—[clerk@kempfordparishcouncil.net](mailto:clerk@kempfordparishcouncil.net)

The Parish Council would like to thank Philippa for all her help delivering the newsletters over many years.

# Annual Parish Meeting



**Monday 7th April 2025**

**7pm**

**Kempford Village Hall**

**Please come along to the Annual Parish Meeting and hear from village groups and organisations.**

**Find out what your Parish Council has been doing during the last 12 months.**

**Everyone welcome**

# 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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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 March

**Dear Friends,**

March brings with it the changing of the seasons and the beginning of our Lenten journey. It starts with pancake fun on Shrove Tuesday (4<sup>th</sup>), before preparing ourselves for the solemnity of Ash Wednesday (5<sup>th</sup>), when we receive the cross in ash on our foreheads, a reminder of our mortality and our need for God's grace: 'Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.'

Lent is a time of reflection, prayer, and self-examination, inviting us to draw closer to God and we will be holding a Lent Group every Tuesday at 3pm from 11<sup>th</sup> March to learn about and discuss the meaning of Holy Communion (see Facebook for details nearer the time). Lent isn't just about giving something up, but also about taking something on, whether that is deepening our faith, acts of kindness, or simply creating more space for God in our lives. However you choose to mark this season, may it be one of renewal and blessing.

Midway through Lent, we encounter the joy and thanksgiving of Mothering Sunday (30<sup>th</sup>). Traditionally, this was a day when people returned to their 'mother church,' but over time it has become a day to celebrate the love and nurture we receive from mothers and mother-figures. It is a day of gratitude but also one of sensitivity, as we remember those who grieve, those who long for children, and those who find this day difficult. As we give thanks, let us hold one another in prayer, lifting up all who share in God's motherly love.

And as we walk through this season together, may we find moments of grace, reflection, and joy. Lent may be a time of challenge, but it is also a path leading us to the hope and light of Easter.

With every blessing,

Rev. Catie

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

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## Church Services in March

To see the full list of services across the 5 Villages, please see the notice board at the church

Sunday 2 March	9.30 am	Holy Communion, Kempsford
Sunday 9 March	9.30 am	Service of the Word, Kempsford
Sunday 16 March	9.30 am	Holy Communion, Whelford
	4.00 pm	Family Service, Kempsford
Sunday 23 March	10 am	Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Kempsford
	11 am	5 villages Holy Communion with baptism, Kempsford
30 March (Mothering Sunday)	10 am	Joint Family Service at Marston Meysey

Lent Groups meet at 3pm on a Tuesday and the topic this year will be The Eucharist.

### Venues

11 March	Margaret Pursch: 17 High Street, Meysey Hampton GL7 5JT
March 18	Rosemary Andrews: 1, Swynford Close, Kempsford GL7 4HN
March 25	Camilla Flach: The Manor, Marston Meysey SN6 6LQ
April 1	Sheila Theobald: 'Weathered Stone', School Lane, Castle Eaton SN6 6LF
April 8	TBC
April 25	Kempsford Church

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**Kempsford Community Gardeners** - will be getting the garden ready for the season ahead on Saturdays 1st and 8th March between 10:30 and 3:30. If you have an hour or so spare, please come along and help this friendly group of volunteers.

We will be reopening the garden on Thursday lunchtimes from 6th March from 12 till 2pm, weather permitting, to showcase the spring bulbs.



Fairford & District Choral Society Concert - 5 April 2025

**Fairford & District Choral Society's next concert is on Saturday 5 April at 7.30pm at St Mary's Church Fairford.** They will be performing the Choral Suite from The Armed Man by Karl Jenkins, Misa Criolla by Ariel Ramirez and Five Mystical Songs by Ralph Vaughan Williams. The Musical Director is Nia Llewlyn Jones; and the soloist is Will Renouccie. The organ will be played by Bernard West; the keyboard by Debra Warner; guitar by Alan Shaw, and percussion by Pam Smith. Tickets cost £15 and are on sale from Fairford Opticians or members of the choir.

Southrop Jumble Sale 2025

The fantastic Southrop Jumble Sale is back!! Saturday 8th March 2025, 1-2.30pm at Southrop Village Hall. CLOTHING, BOOKS, TOYS, BRIC A BRAC. ENTRANCE £1 CASH ONLY  
Donation Times: Wednesday 5th March 9-11am Friday 7th March 1-2.30pm, Saturday 8th March 10-11.30am

For more information contact [PTA@Southrop.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:PTA@Southrop.gloucs.sch.uk)

Lechlade History Society

Upcoming Talks Held in The Memorial Hall Lechlade 7pm for 7.30pm

Monday March 17th - Littlecote Roman villa by Dr Hugh Pihlens

The Roman Villa is one of the great treasures of Britain. First discovered in the early 18th century, then covered, forgotten and abandoned 250 years later, in 1976, it was re-discovered. A team of archaeologists worked for 13 years exploring and restoring it, now, renovated again, visitors can enjoy it. Littlecote is an unusual Villa as it covers the whole of the Roman occupation. It houses one of the finest and largest mosaics in Britain

Monday April 14th - Queen Katherine Parr - Gloucestershire's Queen by Mike Bottomley  
An integrated live presentation of the extraordinary life of Katherine Parr, the 6th and last wife of King Henry V11. He uses music, readings and video to recreate the atmosphere and intrigues of the Tudor Court to tell the largely unknown storey of the Queen and her journey from obscurity to the heart of English history and on to her final resting place at Sudeley Castle. Step Mother to two Queens, "Bloody Mary" and one of our greatest Queens, Elizabeth 1. She was Queen, Queen Regent, Wife and Lover - Katherine's life storey resonates through the ages



Friends of Fairford and Lechlade  
Communities

Charity Craft Fair – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025

10 – 2pm at Fairford Community Centre

Stall holders needed. Contact Val Harvey to book a stall, £20 each. Call 07540 798226 or email [transport@friendsoffairford.org.uk](mailto:transport@friendsoffairford.org.uk) Website: [www.friendsoffairford.org.uk](http://www.friendsoffairford.org.uk)

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SSE		Reporting of power cuts	105 or
Thames Water			0800 316 9800
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Non-emergency	Police		101
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