

# Kempsford

(with Whelford, Dunfield and Dudgrove)

## Parish Newsletter

**MAY 2024**



**When?** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**Where?** The George Kempford

**Start time?** 7.00pm

**Teams?** Maximum 6 people per team

**Entry fee?** £2 pp payable in CASH on the night

**Food Available?** Pre- Order Only (Menu TBC)

To book your Team and pre-order your food,  
please contact The George 01285 810236

**Organised by Kempford and Whelford PCC, supported by The George.  
Raising funds to improve facilities at St. Mary's Kempford for services,  
celebrations & events.**

# Parish Diary

## MAY

Thurs	2nd	7am - 10pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Police and Crime Commissioner Election
Sat	4th	2pm - 4pm	Kempsford Community Garden	Working Party
Sun	5th	9.30am	St Mary's Kempford	Holy Communion
Thurs	9th	12.00 - 2.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Monthly CAFÉ
Sun	12th	9.30am	St Mary's Kempford	Service of the Word
Tues	14th	8.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Kempsford Village Hall AGM
Wed	15th	10am - 2pm	Fairford Community Centre	Friends of Fairford - Pop Up Charity Shop
Fri	17th	7.00pm	The George, Kempford	Quiz night fundraiser for PCC
Sun	19th	9.30am	St Anne's Whelford	Service of the Word
Sun	19th	4.00pm	St Mary's Kempford	Family Service
Mon	20th		JUNE NEWSLETTER COPY DEADLINE	
Tues	21st	7.45pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Annual Parish Council Meeting
Sat	25th	From 2pm	Kempsford Community Garden	All Age Teddy Bear's Picnic
Sun	26th	9.30am	St Mary's Kempford	Service of the Word

## JUNE

Thurs	13th	12.00 - 2.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Monthly CAFÉ
Fri	14th	2.00 - 6.00pm	Bibury Open Gardens	Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities
Sun	23rd	2.00 - 6.00pm	Langford Downs Open Gardens	Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities
Tues	25th	Leaving at 10am from Fairford Comm. Centre		Coach trip to Stratford (Friends of Fairford)

## 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	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 VH Garden	Community Garden open (weather permitting)
Thursdays	12.00 - 2.00pm	Kempsford Village Hall	Post Office



## KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL CAFÉ Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 12 – 2pm

Ploughmans Lunches, made with locally produced ham and cheese, are back by popular demand!

Or try our Homemade Soups and Bread,  
Delicious Cakes, Fresh Coffee and Speciality Teas.

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

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## Kempford Village Hall Committee Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024

8:00 pm in the Village Hall

All Kempford residents welcome

We have lots of plans (and challenges) for the hall so please come along as we would love to have your input into the future of your hall.

Refreshments will be served.

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### From the Kempford Village Hall Committee

" Over the years many village hall keys have been given out and we now need to recover keys that are no longer needed. If you no longer need your keys could you return them to the hall please, through the letter box ideally in an envelope, or to committee member. If you feel you need to keep them please let us know so that we can add you to the list of registered key holders. Thank you. "

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### **St Mary's, Kempford with St Anne's, Whelford**

Rev Catie Watson is our Curate but all enquiries regarding burials, marriages and baptisms should be directed via Reverend Caroline Symcox (vicar of Fairford) on 01285 712611 for this month.

Food boxes are still situated in the porches of both churches for the collection of items for the food bank.



## KEMPSFORD COMMUNITY GARDEN

The date of the working party in May is Saturday 4th May from 2pm till 4pm when we will be preparing the ground for sunflowers and climbing beans. Also we are erecting a greenhouse; it would be lovely to have more volunteers come along to help.

We are opening the garden on Thursday lunchtimes from 12 till 2 pm weather permitting, so come along with a picnic and see what we have been doing. Help yourselves to herbs from the Herb patch to flavour your cooking.

We only ask that if you visit - you respect the site and leave it as you found it – or better! Please no dogs.

Special event – All age Teddy Bears Picnic on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May from 2pm

At 2pm – bring along the sunflower and vegetable seedlings sown on 20<sup>th</sup> April to plant them in the garden.

From 3pm All are welcome to join us for an All Age Teddy Bears Picnic with marmalade sandwiches, tea and cake or bring your own picnic and blanket or chairs.

Look out for the posters and on Kempsford Facebook for more information.

For more details contact either Kathy Woodward on 0782154008 or Jacqui Howlett on 01285 712268



**Friends of Fairford and Lechlade  
Communities**

Registered Charity Number: 11280156



## **House to House Collection 2024**

**Our House to House collection is our biggest fundraiser! Between the 13<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> May, envelopes will be delivered to all houses in Lechlade, Fairford and the surrounding villages. People are asked to donate to support the services we provide in the local community. Donations can be Gift Aided. If you don't get an envelope, please contact us and we will get one to you.**

**NEW FOR 2024! We have updated our flyers and have included a branded bookmark! Our events calendar will also be included!**

**We would not be able to do this without the ongoing support of our amazing collectors. We are truly grateful to over 100 people who make this fundraiser happen!**

**If you would live in COLN, POULTON, FAIRFORD or LECHLADE and would like to be part of our fantastic team, please contact Kelly, General Manager [GM@friendsoffairford.org.uk](mailto:GM@friendsoffairford.org.uk) or Agneta, Admin [admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk](mailto:admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk)**

## Curate Catie's Monthly Musing for May

Dear friends,

Whilst Easter was a few weeks ago, we remain in Eastertide until 19<sup>th</sup> May when we celebrate Pentecost, which marks the coming down of the Holy Spirit on the disciples and so the Christian Church was born. Pentecost marks the first chapter of the Church and **whilst this isn't our first chapter, we are beginning a new one following Rev'd Kim's** move to pastures new. Kim leaves with our heartfelt thanks for all she has been and done in her time here in the 5 Villages and with our prayers and good wishes for the future.

In Ecclesiastes 3 it talks about a time for everything: *"There is a time for everything ..... a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot"* and this came to mind as I thought about our time with Kim coming to an end – she has uprooted from here to start a new chapter in her life, and we too begin a new chapter without her.

Easter and Eastertide is a time of joy and celebration, marking the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It marks the triumph of life over death, of light over darkness, and of hope over despair. But beyond its religious significance, Eastertide also holds a deep symbolic meaning as a time of renewal and new beginnings - to let go of the past, and start afresh, embracing the new beginnings, which seems rather apt for us at this time of change.

In this vacancy period I am not taking over from Kim because I am still in training, but I can offer some continuity as we wait to welcome our new vicar. For any pastoral concerns or if you would like me to come and visit you or someone you know, then please let me know, but for anything else – weddings, baptisms, funerals etc. please contact **Rev'd** Caroline Symcox (contact details below) or your Church Wardens.

I firmly believe that God has a plan and already knows who is coming to lead us – in the meantime we can take heart because God is with us, God has us and this vacancy in His hands and God never lets us go.

With every blessing,

**Rev'd Catie**

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Reverend Catie Watson

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## CONTACTS

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### CHURCH

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	Robert Nicholls		
Choir	Mrs Cathy Stanford		01285 713033
Church & Hand Bells	Sally Strange		01285 810635

### KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair & Trustee	Ian Housley		
Vice Chair	<b>Jolan Flach</b>		
Secretary & Trustee	Kathy Woodward	To contact any Committee Member email -	
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Member	Hannah Dickens		
Member	Cassie Vickery-Cummings		
Parish Council Rep	Karen Saunders		
Bookings Secretary	Bob O'Hara		
Community Garden	Jacqui Howlett		01285 712268

### WHELFORD VILLAGE HALL

Bookings	Sue Griffin	<a href="mailto:374croft@gmail.com">374croft@gmail.com</a>	01285 712979
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Farmors School	Matthew Evans (Head)		01285 712302

## CONTACTS

### COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

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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

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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](mailto:chair@friendsoffairford.org.uk)

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## Pop Up Charity Shop



**Friends of Fairford and Lechlade  
Communities**

Registered Charity Number: 1180059

We are so excited to bring our Charity Shop to Fairford! We will have ladies, men's and children's clothing, shoes, books, household items, as well as vinyl, jewellery and craft pieces. All of our stock is donated so by buying pre-loved you are helping the planet, as well as your budget! Come and see the quality items we have in stock! Cash and Card payments accepted.

Wednesday 15th May, 10-2pm, Barker Room, Fairford Community Centre.





# All Age Teddy Bears Picnic

Saturday 25th May  
from 2pm  
at



**Kempsford Community Garden  
behind the village hall**

**2pm Plant out sunflower and vegetable seedlings**

**3pm Join us for marmalade sandwiches, tea and cake  
or bring your own picnic.**

**All children must be accompanied by an adult**

## **Election of a Police and Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire police area**



A poll will be held on Thursday 2 May 2024  
between 7.00am and 10.00pm  
**At Kempsford Village Hall**

No ID? You can apply for  
free voter ID now