

# Kempsford

(with Whelford, Dunfield and Dudgrove)

## Parish Newsletter

**NOVEMBER 2024**

**KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL**

# *Live Music* **NIGHT**

*9th Nov 2024*

WITH LIVE MUSIC FROM LOCAL BANDS:

## **COMFORT BREAK AND PRESTO**

FOLLOWED BY A DISCO

7.30PM - 11PM      **FREE ENTRY  
BEER £3.50**

COCKTAIL BAR AND  
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

**PROCEEDS IN AID OF KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL FUNDS**

# Parish Diary

## NOVEMBER

Sat	2nd	6.00pm	St Mary's Kempford	All Souls Service
Sun	3rd	9.30am	St Mary's Kempford	Holy Communion
Mon	4th	5.00pm - 7.00pm	Kempford Village Hall	Pizza Van
Thurs	7th	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Kempford Village Hall	Craft Workshop
Sat	9th	7.30pm - 11.00pm	Kempford Village Hall	Live Music Night & Bar
Sun	10th	10.45am	St Mary's Kempford	Remembrance Service
Wed	13th	5.00pm - 7.30pm	Kempford Village Hall	Chippy Van
Thurs	14th	12.00pm - 2.00pm	Kempford Village Hall	Community Café
Sun	17th	9.30am	St Anne's, Whelford	Holy Communion
Sun	17th	4.00pm	St Mary's Kempford	Family Service
Mon	18th	7.00pm	Kempford Village Hall	Parish Council Meeting
Mon	18th	5.00pm - 7.00pm	Kempford Village Hall	Pizza Van
Sat	23rd	10.30am - 3.30pm	Kempford Village Hall	Gifts and More Craft Fair
Sun	24th	10.00am - 2.00pm	Lechlade Memorial Hall	Friends of Fairford Craft Fair & Annual Raffle
Sun	24th	10am	St Mary's Kempford	Holy Communion
Mon	25th		COMBINED DECEMBER & JANUARY NEWSLETTER COPY DEADLINE	
Wed	27th	5.00pm - 7.30pm	Kempford Village Hall	Chippy Van
Sat	30th	7.30pm	Fairford	Friends of Fairford Wine Tasting Evening

## DECEMBER

Mon	16th	7.00pm	Kempford Village Hall	Parish Council Meeting
Sat	21st	TBC	Kempford Village Hall	Christmas Darts Social Evening

## REGULAR EVENTS

Mondays	10am - 11am	Kempford Village Hall	Rosie's Pilates Plus
Mondays & Wednesdays		Fairford Hospital	Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities Edna Dawes Lunch Club Tel:07713607106
Tuesdays	6.00pm - 9.00pm	Kempford Village Hall	Short Mat Bowls
Wednesdays	5.00pm - 7.00pm	Kempford Village Hall	Youth Club (Term time only)
Thursdays	12.00 - 2.00pm	Kempford VH Garden	Community Garden open (weather permitting)
Thursdays	7.00pm - 10.00pm	Kempford Village Hall	Darts
Thursdays	12.00 - 2.00pm	Kempford Village Hall	Post Office
Fridays	6.00pm - 7.00pm	Kempford Village Hall	Zumba

# Kempsford Village Hall - NOVEMBER Events

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

## Weekly Events

Mon	Pilates <a href="mailto:rosie@rosiehowenutrition.com">rosie@rosiehowenutrition.com</a>	10:00am – 11:00am
Tue	Short Mat Bowls <a href="mailto:treasurerkempsford@gmail.com">treasurerkempsford@gmail.com</a>	6:00pm – 9:00pm
Wed	Youth Club	5:00pm – 7:00pm
Thur	Post Office Darts <a href="mailto:davis.william68@yahoo.com">davis.william68@yahoo.com</a>	12:00pm – 2:00pm 7:00pm – 10:00pm
Fri	Zumba <a href="mailto:bellaannie1@hotmail.com">bellaannie1@hotmail.com</a>	6:00pm – 7:00pm

## Other Events

Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>	Pizza Van <a href="mailto:solelunapizza3@gmail.com">solelunapizza3@gmail.com</a>	5:00pm – 7:00pm
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup>	Chippy Van <a href="mailto:info@thecotswoldchippy.co.uk">info@thecotswoldchippy.co.uk</a>	5:00pm – 7:30pm
Thur 7 <sup>th</sup>	Craft Workshop <a href="mailto:jennyland1@hotmail.com">jennyland1@hotmail.com</a>	1:00pm – 3:00pm
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	Live Music Night (See front page)	7:30pm – 11:00pm
Thur 14 <sup>th</sup>	Community Café Come and try our Homemade Soups and Bread, Delicious Cakes, Fresh Coffee and Speciality Teas.	12:00 – 2:00pm

## Dates for the Diary

Dec 21 <sup>st</sup>	Christmas Darts Social Evening	TBC
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KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL CAFÉ  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 12 – 2pm

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

All welcome

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

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## **Volunteer Treasurer Wanted for Kempford and Whelford Churches**

Are you good with numbers and would like to help our church community?

*Help us support the vital work of our churches by taking on this important role!*

We're looking for someone to join our team, initially to assist the current Treasurer in managing the finances of our local churches, with a view to taking over in the Spring - so you will have a good handover. You don't need to be a regular churchgoer, but accuracy, confidentiality and a heart for community service are a must! ??

### What You'll Do:

- Manage and track church finances
- Oversee contributions and donations
- Provide financial reports to the church leadership

### What We're Looking For:

- Basic accounting skills and experience with Excel (experience of financial management is a plus but not required)
- Trustworthiness and attention to detail

### Time Commitment:

Just a few hours a month but your contribution will make a big difference!

Interested? We'd love to hear from you! Please contact Jacqui Howlett on 01285 712268 / [churchtreasurer@kempford.net](mailto:churchtreasurer@kempford.net) or Rev'd Catie 01285 671490 / [rev.catie@gmail.com](mailto:rev.catie@gmail.com)

## Curate Catie's Monthly Musings for November

Dear Friends,

Well, the clocks have gone back, the days grow shorter, and there is a sense of quiet as nature prepares to rest. And these changes prompt us to reflect on the rhythms of life, the wonder of creation, and the passing of time.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> November, there will be a special service in church to mark **All Souls' day** which is a time to remember our loved ones who have died. As part of the service, the names of those we remember will be read out and a candle lit for each one. If you would like your loved one(s) name to be read out, please let me know asap, or come along to the service and add the names as you come in. And on 10<sup>th</sup> November we have our Remembrance Day service. As with all our services, you are warmly invited and very welcome - we'd be really pleased to see you.

As the autumn leaves change colour and fall, it can remind us of the cycle of life and death, but for Christians, our faith assures us that death is not the end of the story - as Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die" (John 11:25) and this gives us hope. Because we know that when we die, we will be in the presence of God forever, reunited with all those we have loved and lost and where there will be no more pain, suffering, or death. Wow!

So, as we go through this month, I invite you to pause and reflect on the beauty of creation, the love for each of us that the Creator has and give thanks for that and all those we love.

With every blessing,

Rev'd Catie

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

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You may or may not know, that our village church is part of a team of 5 churches, (Kempsford with Whelford, The Meyseys and Castle Eaton) and we are part of the South Cotswold Team Ministry. Our church services are shared across these 5 villages, so if you can't make it to a Kempford service, do venture out and join in fellowship and worship with others in our team – the full list of what is happening, where & when is on the church noticeboard.

## CONTACTS

NEWSLETTER COPY Teresa Griffin [clerk@kempsfordparishcouncil.net](mailto:clerk@kempsfordparishcouncil.net) 0781 8626158

### PARISH COUNCIL

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### CHURCH

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### 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 -	
Treasurer & Trustee	Andy Gray	<a href="mailto:infokempsfordvillagehall@kempsford.net">infokempsfordvillagehall@kempsford.net</a>	
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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### SCHOOLS

Kempsford School	Helen Seward (Head)	<a href="mailto:admin@kempsford.gloucs.sch.uk">admin@kempsford.gloucs.sch.uk</a>	01285 810367
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Farmors School	Matthew Evans (Head)		01285 712302

## CONTACTS

County Councillor	Dom Morris	<a href="mailto:dominic.morris@gloucestershire.gov.uk">dominic.morris@gloucestershire.gov.uk</a>	07500894702
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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			
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**Friends of Fairford and Lechlade  
Communities**

Registered Charity Number: 1180059

### Trustees Roles Available

We are looking for new trustees to take a proactive role within our Charity. All experiences and backgrounds welcome. Ideally we are looking for people interested in our services and how we make an impact in our local community. Meetings are quarterly and there are a range of sub committees to specialise in. Please contact Kelly, General Manager, for more information [gm@friendsoffairford.org.uk](mailto:gm@friendsoffairford.org.uk)

### Make a Difference Today

With your help we provide much needed services in our local community. If you are able to volunteer in our charity shop, at the Lunch Club, as a driver, or at any event, please get in touch and let us know. Call 07938244335 or email [admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk](mailto:admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk)

# *Gifts & More Craft Fair*

*23<sup>rd</sup> November*



*Kempsford Village Hall*

*10.30am to 3.30pm*

*Festive variety of stalls*

- ★ *Earth Wind Fire & Water Pottery by Melanie* ★ *Victoria Stitched Hand Stitched & Crocheted Items*
- ★ *Nikki's Re-cycled Fabric & Ephemera Gifts* ★ *Chip Off The Old Black Woodwork Items*
- ★ *Cotswold House of Cards Handcrafted & bespoke cards* ★ *Tom's Wooden Signs Bespoke Wall Art*
- ★ *Judy Higgins Paintings & Painted Items* ★ *Veronica's Beads & Bunting*
- ★ *Cotswold Scenes Art* ★ *Donna's White Feather Gifts.* ★ *and more...*

**CHRISTMAS SURPRISES  
RAFFLE**

Organised by Kempford and Whelford PCC

Raising funds to support the church in the community and improve facilities to better serve our community and all who come along to services and celebrations.