

Kempsford

(with Whelford, Dunfield and Dudgrove)

Parish Newsletter

June 2026



Join us for a fun

FAMILY NIGHT OUT

FRI 19TH JUNE 6.30 A 9PM

Get a team together to take on:
Table Top Challenges
Quiz Rounds
Find someone who... and more.

BIG RAFFLE PRIZES TO WIN:
Family Summer
Hamper
Barn Theatre Night Out
Bar and snacks

KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL

BOOK YOUR TEAM TABLE NOW:
£5 PER ADULT, FREE ENTRY FOR CHILDREN
CONTACT ANN: 07760 272224
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Money raised by Kempsford & Whelford PCC will go towards the work of the church with all ages in our community
With thanks to the Village Hall Bar Team for running the bar

Parish Diary

JUNE

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| Mon | 1st | 5.00pm - 7.30pm | Kempsford Village Hall | Pizza Van |
| Sat | 6th | 10.00 - 12.00pm | Kempsford Village Hall | Davina's Crafting |
| Wed | 10th | 5.00pm - 7.30pm | Kempsford Village Hall | Chippy Van |
| Thurs | 11th | 12.00pm - 2.00pm | Kempsford Village Hall | Community Café |
| Fri | 12th | 7.30pm | Whelford Village Hall | Quiz Night |
| Sat | 13th | 6.30pm for 7.00pm | St. John Baptist, Ciren | Charity Concert |
| Mon | 15th | 5.00pm - 7.30pm | Kempsford Village Hall | Pizza Van |
| Mon | 15th | 7.00pm | Kempsford Village Hall | Parish Council Meeting |
| Wed | 17th | 8.30pm for 9pm | Kempsford Village Hall | World Cup screening - England vs Croatia |
| Fri | 19th | 6.30pm - 9.00pm | Kempsford Village Hall | Family Fun Night |
| Sat | 20th | 11.00am - 12.00pm | Kempsford Village Hall | Knead Bakery |
| Mon | 22nd | | JULY NEWSLETTER COPY DEADLINE | |
| Tues | 23rd | 8.30pm for 9pm | Kempsford Village Hall | World Cup screening - England vs Ghana |
| Wed | 24th | 5.00pm - 7.30pm | Kempsford Village Hall | Chippy Van |
| Fri | 26th | 7.00pm - 10.00pm | Kempsford Village Hall | Line Dancing |
| Sat | 27th | 9.30am - 12.00pm | Marston Meysey | Kempsford School Mud Madness |
| Sat | 27th | 9pm for 10pm | Kempsford Village Hall | World Cup screening - England vs Panama |
| Sun | 28th | 11.30am - 12.15pm | Kempsford Village Hall | Knead Bakery |
| Sun | 28th | 1.00pm - 5.00pm | Langford Downs | Open Garden |
| Mon | 29th | 5.00pm - 7.30pm | Kempsford Village Hall | Pizza Van |

REGULAR EVENTS

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| Mondays | 10am - 11am | Kempsford Village Hall | Rosie's Pilates Plus |
| Mondays & Wednesdays | | Fairford Hospital | Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities Edna Dawes Lunch Club Tel:07713 607106 |
| Tuesdays | 7.00pm - 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 | 12.00 - 2.00pm | Kempsford Village Hall | Post Office |
| Last Friday in mth | 7.00 - 10.00pm | Kempsford Village Hall | Line Dancing |
| 1st Friday in mth | 10.00 - 12.00 | Fairford Comm. Centre | Bereavement Café |

Young At Heart Memory Club

A monthly lunch club for people with memory problems and their carers. Funded and supported by Friends of Fairford and Lechlade Communities (Charity No: 1180059).

Each session is held in Fairford and consists of social activities and a hot meal.

Please contact Lorna for more information and to book your space - 07971 929 258

Kempsford Village Hall – June 2026 Events

Regular Events

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| Mon | Pilates rosie@rosiehowenutrition.com Pizza Van 1 st , 15 th & 29 th solelunapizza3@gmail.com | 10:00am – 11:00am 5:00pm – 7:30pm |
| Tue | Short Mat Bowls treasurerkempsford@gmail.com | 7:00pm – 9:00pm |
| Wed | Youth Club Chippy Van 10 th & 24 th info@thecotswoldchippy.co.uk | 5:00pm – 7:00pm 5:00pm – 7:30pm |
| Thur | Post Office only open on the 4 th and 25 th in June Community Café 11 th June | 12:00pm – 2:00pm 12:00pm – 2:00pm |

Other Upcoming Events

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| 6 th June | Davina's Crafting | 10:00pm – 12:00pm |
| 19 th June | Family Fun Night | 6:30pm – 9:30pm |
| 20 th June | Knead Bakery | 11:00am – 12:00pm |
| 26 th June | Line Dancing | 7:00pm – 10:00pm |
| 28 th June | Knead Bakery | 11:30am – 12:15pm |

Save The Date

Kempsford Village Fete 12th **September**. It's going to be a fun day with lots more going on this year.

The hall and bar will be open for the following World Cup Football games on the big screen:-

Wed 17 Jun, Eng vs Croatia, KO 9pm, doors open 8:30.

Tue 23 Jun Eng vs Ghana, KO 9pm, doors open 8:30.

Sat 27 Jun, Eng vs Panama, KO 10pm, doors open 9pm.

July matches tbc.

Curate Catie's Monthly Musings for June

Dear friends,

I love June. It feels full of new beginnings as the countryside bursts into colour and birdsong and we enjoy longer evenings and hopefully, gentler summer sunshine! Schools begin a new term and in Kempford and Whelford, we celebrate new beginnings with three weddings, so please keep our couples in your prayers.

In June, the Church celebrates the ordination of new deacons and priests which is the beginning of their ordained ministry. It is always a joyful occasion and brings back happy memories for me too, although I can hardly believe I have now been here for three years - time really does fly when you are having fun!

June also brings Father's Day which for many it is a happy celebration, but for others it can bring sadness or difficult memories. Whatever our experience of 'earthly' fathers, we can take comfort in knowing that we have a Father in Heaven who loves us completely, who will never turn away from us and who is always ready to welcome and forgive us.

And there are other important moments in the Church calendar this month: Corpus Christi, when we give thanks for Holy Communion and Christ's presence with us; Environment Sunday, reminding us of our responsibility to care for God's creation; Refugee Week, calling us to compassion and hospitality; and the feast of Saints Peter and Paul.

Peter is my favourite saint. He frequently gets things wrong, engages mouth before brain and stumbles repeatedly, yet Jesus called him the rock on which the Church is built. I find that so encouraging because we all make mistakes, all fail at times, and yet God still loves us, forgives us, and works through us nonetheless. With God there is always the chance of a new beginning, no matter how many times we get things wrong and that's the best new beginning ever!

With every blessing,

Rev. Catie

Rev.catie@gmail.com

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Kempford & Whelford services - June 2026

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| 07.06.26 | 10am | 'All churches together' Holy Communion at Castle Eaton |
| 14.06.26 | 9.30am | Service of the Word at Kempford |
| 21st June | 9.30am | Holy Communion at Whelford |
| 28th June | 9.30am | 'All churches together' Holy Communion at Kempford |

Whelford Village Hall Trust

We are holding a **QUIZ NIGHT** - on 12 June 2026 - Price £10 per head with banger in a bun supper. Drinks for purchase on the night.

Venue - Whelford Village Hall @ 7.30 pm

Teams of 6 people

Proceeds to go to Prospect Hospice in Swindon - A group from the village are taking part in the Prospect Starlight Walk later in the month and this is to boost funds for such a great cause.

If you would like to come, please contact Lindsey Knott on 07775 698265 or email knottspice@aol.com

Please let us know if you have special dietary requirements.



KEMPSFORD COMMUNITY CAFÉ
Thursday 11th June 12 – 2pm

Try our Ploughman's lunches, Homemade Soup, Bread and Delicious Cakes, Fresh Coffee and Speciality Teas. Come and meet your friends and neighbours and enjoy the friendly atmosphere!

KNEAD

BAKERY | PATISSERIE | EATERY

KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY 20TH JUNE

11AM TO 12PM

SUNDAY 28TH JUNE

11.30AM TO 12.15PM

SOURDOUGH | PASTRIES | COOKIES | BROWNIES

SUMMER CHARITY CONCERT

WITH THE BRILLIANT

WILLSHIRE PIANO DUO

**CORSHAM AND COLERNE
MILITARY WIVES CHOIR**

CIRENCESTER MALE VOICE CHOIR

**SATURDAY JUNE 13 AT 7PM
ST JOHN BAPTIST, CIRENCESTER
DOORS OPEN AT 6.30PM**

**TICKETS £12
UNDER 16s FREE**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT BINGHAM HOUSE,
1 DYER STREET, AND ONLINE AT
WWW.CIRENCESTERMVC.CO.UK**

CONTACTS

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| Chair & Trustee | Ian Housley | To contact any Committee Member email - | |
| Secretary & Trustee | Kathy Woodward | infokempsfordvillagehall@kempsford.net | |
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| WHELFORD VILLAGE HALL | | | |
| Bookings | Sue Griffin | 374croft@gmail.com | 01285 712979 |
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| COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL | | (including Bulk Refuse) | 01285 623000 |
| GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL | | Switchboard | 01452 425000 |
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| GLOUCESTERSHIRE HIGHWAYS | | highways@gloucestershire.gov.uk | 08000 514 514 |
| WILTSHIRE HIGHWAYS | | northernhighways@wiltshire.gov.uk | 0300 456 0105 |
| SSE | | Reporting of power cuts | 105 or |
| 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 | | | |
| Administrator | Kerry | admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk | 01285 707300 |

Kempsford MUD MADNESS

Slip it, Slide it, Survive it!

27th June 2026

9.30am - 12pm

£10 ticket

**Medal & headband
for all participants**

*Join our 8 village schools
for a morning of muddy fun*

