

Kempsford

(with Whelford, Dunfield and Dudgrove)

Parish Newsletter

May 2026



WHELFORD PLANT SALE

SATURDAY 23RD MAY 2026

➤ **11:00 AM – 2:00 PM** ◀

 **AT WHELFORD VILLAGE HALL**
GL7 4EA

 *Come and buy beautiful plants for your garden*

 *Enjoy light refreshments* 

 *Have a go on our tombola!* 

Beautiful plants for every garden! 

FUNDRAISING FOR WHELFORD VILLAGE HALL

Parish Diary

MAY

Fri	1st	6.30pm	St Mary's Kempford	May Day Hymns & Pimms
Sun	3rd	9.30am	St Mary's Kempford	Holy Communion
Mon	4th	9.00am - 10.00am	Kempford Village Hall	Knead Bakery
Mon	4th	5.00pm - 7.30pm	Kempford Village Hall	Pizza Van
Sat	9th	10.00 - 12.00pm	Kempford Village Hall	Davina's Crafting
Sat	9th	5.30pm for 6.00pm	Kempford Village Hall	Family Bingo
Sun	10th	9.30am	St Mary's Kempford	Holy Communion
Tues	12th	7.30pm - 9.30pm	Kempford Village Hall	Village Hall AGM
Wed	13th	5.00pm - 7.30pm	Kempford Village Hall	Chippy Van
Thurs	14th	12.00pm - 2.00pm	Kempford Village Hall	Community Café
Sat	16th	7.00pm - 10.30pm	Kempford Village Hall	Casino Evening
Sun	17th	9.30am	St Anne's Whelford	Service of the Word
Sun	17th	4.00pm	St Mary's Kempford	Family Forest Church
Mon	18th		Kempford Village Hall	Parish Council Meeting
Mon	18th	5.00pm - 7.30pm	Kempford Village Hall	Pizza Van
Mon	18th	7.00pm for 7.30pm	Lechlade Memorial Hall	Lechlade History Society - Woodchester Mansion
Sun	24th	9.30am	St Mary's Kempford	All churches together, Holy Communion
Sun	24th	11.30am - 12.15pm	Kempford Village Hall	Knead Bakery
Mon	25th		JUNE NEWSLETTER COPY DEADLINE	
Wed	27th	5.00pm - 7.30pm	Kempford Village Hall	Chippy Van
Fri	29th	7.00pm - 10.00pm	Kempford Village Hall	Line Dancing
Sun	31st	9.30am	St James' Marston Meysey	Holy Communion, All churches together

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:07713 607106
Tuesdays	7.00pm - 9.00pm	Kempford Village Hall	Short Mat Bowls (treasurerkempford@gmail.com)
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	12.00 - 2.00pm	Kempford Village Hall	Post Office
Last Friday in mth	7.00 - 10.00pm	Kempford Village Hall	Line Dancing
1st Friday in mth	10.00 - 12.00	Fairford Comm. Centre	Bereavement Café



KEMPSFORD COMMUNITY CAFÉ
Thursday 14th May 12 – 2pm

**Ploughman's 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!

Kempsford Village Hall – May 2026 Events

Regular Events

Mon	Pilates rosie@rosiehowenutrition.com	10:00am – 11:00am
	Pizza Van 4 th & 18 th solelunapizza3@gmail.com	5:00pm – 7:30pm
Tue	Short Mat Bowls treasurerkempsford@gmail.com	7:00pm – 9:00pm
Wed	Youth Club	5:00pm – 7:00pm
	Chippy Van 13 th & 27 th info@thecotswoldchippy.co.uk	5:00pm – 7:30pm
Thur	Post Office	12:00pm – 2:00pm
	Community Café 14 th May	12:00pm – 2:00pm

Other Upcoming Events

4 th May	Knead Bakery	9:00am – 10:00am
9 th May	Davina's Crafting	10:00 – 12:00pm
9 th May	Family Bingo	5:30pm for eyes down at 6:00pm
12 th May	Village Hall AGM	7:30pm – 9:30pm
16 th May	Casino Evening	7:00pm – 10:30pm
24 th May	Knead Bakery	11:30am – 12:15pm
29 th May	Line Dancing	7:00pm – 10:00pm

Save The Date

Kempsford Village Fete 12th September

A big thank you to all of you who attended the Six Nations beer festival in March in Kempsford Village Hall. The event raised over £1000 for the village hall. None of this would be possible without the dedicated team of volunteers who help to make this happen. Thank you.

A special thank you to Mark Collins and Andy Gray who after 20 years of organising this event have understandably decided that the time is right to step down and pass the baton onto someone else.

On behalf of the village hall management committee a massive thank you to Mark & Andy for all their hard work, for the funds they have helped raise, which must be over £20,000, and for establishing what has become for many an annual part of village life.

If you are interested in becoming more involved in the beer festival or any of the other events we run, please let me or another committee member know.

Ian Housley
Chair, Kempsford Village Hall Management Committee.

Kempsford Village Hall Committee Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 12th May 2026
8:00 pm in the Village Hall

All Kempsford residents welcome
We've had lots going on over the 2025/26 year and have more plans for the future but would love to hear any ideas you have for continuing the success of our village hall. Please come along, enjoy a drink and find out more about the hall and let us know your ideas.

Refreshments will be served.

KNEAD
BAKERY | PATISSERIE | EATERY

KNEAD ON WHEELS

KEMPSFORD VILLAGE HALL

MONDAY 4TH MAY
9AM TO 10AM

SUNDAY 24TH MAY
11.30AM TO 12.15PM

SOURDOUGH | PASTRIES | BROWNIES | COOKIES
 SAUSAGE ROLLS | DOUGHNUTS | COFFEE

points for you and pounds for your venue

 WWW.KNEADBAKERY.CO.UK 

Whelford Village Hall Trust

We are holding a **QUIZ NIGHT** - on 12 June 2026 - Price £10 per head with bang-er 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.

Smaller authority name: **Kempsford Parish Council**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS AND PUBLICATION OF UNAUDITED ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

**Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 Sections 26 and 27
The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234)**

NOTICE

1. Date of announcement 1st May 2026 (a)

2. Each year the smaller authority's Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) needs to be reviewed by an external auditor appointed by Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd. The unaudited AGAR has been published with this notice. As it has yet to be reviewed by the appointed auditor, it is subject to change as a result of that review.

Any person interested has the right to inspect and make copies of the accounting records for the financial year to which the audit relates and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to those records must be made available for inspection by any person interested. For the year ended 31 March 2026, these documents will be available on reasonable notice by application to:

(b) Mrs Teresa Griffin (Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer)
Winterwood, Whelford, Fairford, Glos. GL7 4EB

Email: clerk@kempsfordparishcouncil.gov.uk Tel: 0781 862 6158

commencing on (c) **Wednesday 3 June 2026** and ending on (d) **Tuesday 14 July 2026**
Please see Parish Council website www.kempsfordparishcouncil.gov.uk for more information on elector's rights.

ST MARY'S KEMPSFORD WITH ST ANNE'S WHELFDOR

Contact details for the parish

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Lay Preachers – Rob Mitchell 01285 712821 & Elizabeth Emberson dizzylizzie@sky.com

Church wardens: Keith Howlett - 01285 712268 churchwarden@kempsford.net

or there is a Facebook page The 5 Villages

Curate Catie's Monthly Musings for May

Dear friends,

Spring has truly sprung! The blossom is out, buds are bursting into life, and it's been fabulous to enjoy some warm, sunny days (and pegging out washing!). There's something about this time of year that lifts the spirits and reminds us of the beauty of new life all around us.

In the Church, **we're still in the joyful season of Eastertide** where we have weeks of celebrating the good news that Jesus is risen. Easter invites us to see the world differently: to hold onto hope even when things feel uncertain, and to trust that God is always bringing new life.

Eastertide leads us to Pentecost, when we remember the Holy Spirit coming to the disciples like tongues of flame. They were equipped and sent out with a clear purpose: to share the good news of Jesus with the world and those who had been afraid and hiding found new **courage and confidence. It isn't always easy to speak about our faith, but that same calling is ours today** – and the Holy Spirit is with us, giving us the words we need in simple, everyday settings: in our homes, our villages, and in how we care for and speak to those around us.

Then it is Trinity Sunday which is **often seen as a bit complicated, but at its heart it's quite simple**. Christians believe in one God who we know in three ways: as Father, who created us; as Son, Jesus, who shows us how to live; and as Holy Spirit, who is with us and within us today. **It's all about relationship** – God sharing love and drawing us into that love.

So, as we continue through this season and enjoy the beauty of creation around us, may we be open to the Spirit, encouraged by the hope of Easter, and ready to share something of **God's love with those around us.**

With every blessing,

Rev. Catie

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MAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sun 3 rd May	9.30am	Holy Communion service, St Mary's, Kempsford
Sun 10 th May	9.30am	Holy Communion service, St Mary's, Kempsford
Sun 17 th May	9.30am	Service of the Word, St Anne's, Whelford
Sun 17 th May	4.00pm	Family Forest church, St Mary's, Kempsford
Sun 24 th May PENTECOST	9.30am	All churches together, Holy Communion, St Mary's, Kempsford
Sun 31 st May TRINITY SUNDAY	9.30am	All churches together, Holy Communion, St James', Marston Meysey

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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
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





VIVAKEMPSVEGAS



Casino Night at Kempford Village Hall



 **Date:** Saturday, 16th May 2026
 **Time:** Doors open 7:00 PM – 10:30 PM

 **Ticket Only** |  **Over 18s**

What's in store:

- 3 Tables including Roulette & Blackjack
- Professional Croupiers at every table
- Gambling credits included
- Dress to impress
- Cocktails & Canapés (1 free cocktail on arrival)
- Live Magician entertainment
- Amazing 1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes



Limited number of tickets available at £20 per ticket.
 Grab Your Deal! at kathryngray65@gmail.com or call 07563 770379
 Vegas-style fun – don't miss your chance to win big!

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