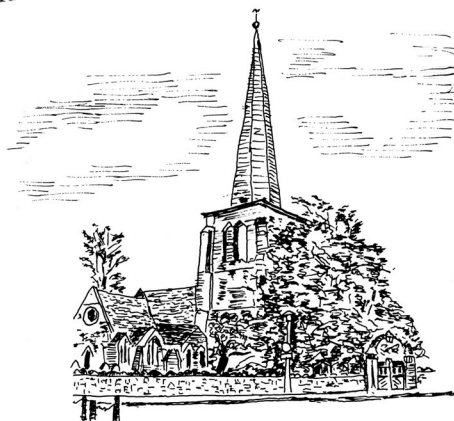


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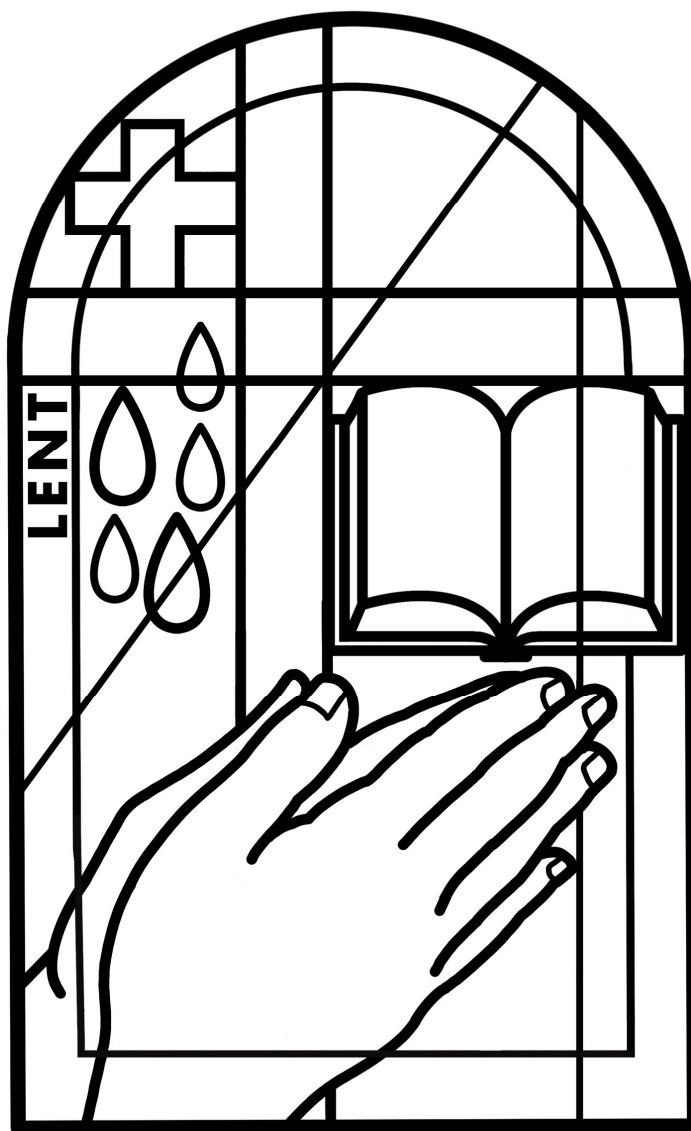
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# March Services

All our services are for everyone so please join wherever you wish and all visitors are always welcome. We are one church family with several buildings and many villages. In addition to 'normal' worship services in our buildings everyone is invited to join the services that are streamed online from All Saints Kemble. To join these please go to the Thameshead website: [www.thamesheadchurches.org.uk](http://www.thamesheadchurches.org.uk) and select the LIVESTREAM button, from here you can join our worship live or share in recent services at any convenient time. We have a calendar on the website which will be kept up to date.

If you would like help or assistance please message us at [office@thamesheadchurches.org.uk](mailto:office@thamesheadchurches.org.uk) and we will get in touch with you.

<b>March services</b>				
02.03.25	<b>1 before Lent</b>	10.00	Coates	Benefice Holy Communion
		11.00	Frampton Mansell	Morning Prayer followed by ACPM
		11.00	Rodmarton	Morning Prayer
09.03.25	<b>Lent 1</b>	9.30	Coates	Morning Prayer
		10.00	Kemble	Morning Source – all age (streamed)
		10.00	Poole Keynes	Morning Prayer
		11.00	Somerford Keynes	Morning Prayer
		11.00	Rodmarton	Holy Communion
16.03.25	<b>Lent 2</b>	9.30	Coates	Morning Prayer
		10.00	Kemble	Morning Prayer + Sunday school (streamed)
		10.00	Poole Keynes	Morning Prayer
		11.00	Frampton Mansell	Morning Prayer
		11.00	Rodmarton	Morning Prayer followed by ACPM
23.03.25	<b>Lent 3</b>	8.00	Tarlton	Holy Communion BCP
		10.00	Kemble	Combined Benefice Service (streamed)
30.03.25	<b>Mothering Sunday</b>	9.30	Coates	Morning Prayer
		10.00	Kemble	Morning Source – all age (streamed)
		10.00	Poole Keynes	Morning Prayer
		11.00	Frampton Mansell	Morning Prayer
		11.00	Rodmarton	Holy Communion
06.04.25	<b>Lent 5/Passiontide</b>	10.00	Somerford Keynes	Benefice Holy Communion
		11.00	Sapperton	Morning Prayer
		11.00	Rodmarton	Holy Communion

## Do you enjoy singing in a relaxed and fun environment?

Kemble Church Choir is a community group open to all. There are no auditions and no prior experience is needed. We sing a selection of sacred and secular music (both new and old) for services at Easter, Harvest and the

Carol Service with rehearsals taking place for 6 or 7 weeks leading up to each event. These take place on Wednesday evenings at 8pm in the church.

We welcome new members and if you would like to come along to one of our practices to see if you would like to join, please email Zoë on

[kemblechoir@gmail.com](mailto:kemblechoir@gmail.com)

**Deadline for April magazine: March 21st.**

### View from Woodstock. March 2025

Firstly, an apology for no article last month. I'm afraid we had a hiccup!

One of my first jobs of the day is to feed the birds. Because our house is built on a steep slope, I am able to have feeders hanging on the tree which can be accessed through the window, so I don't have to go outside to hand out the goodies. At this time of year, we have a lot of female pheasant visitors. One in particular always seems desperate for breakfast. As soon as she sees me at the window, she will fly up into the tree to get closer. Of course, it doesn't work because the peanuts get thrown on to the ground. She is not close enough for me to feed her by hand however hard I try to stretch out to her.

Thinking about this I wondered whether our relationship with God isn't rather like that. He is standing stretching his arms out to us, hoping that he will grab his hand, and we are not able to reach it. Is it because we are scared of having to make a commitment – scared to the extent that our muscles will not relax enough to permit us to stretch that far? Are we afraid that we are not capable of doing what God asks of us? I think we all sometimes feel that and yet in our hearts we know that God will be there to help us along the way.

Jesus said: Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

My bird visitors seem to know that I will provide food for them each day. It would be good if we felt able to trust God in the same way and just relax in his love.

With love and blessings. Pepita.



### Kemble Church, Eco Church

Kemble Church holds one of 3000 Eco Church awards, which help churches to care for God's creation.

March can be cool, wet and breezy, but with the spring equinox on 20 March we have more hours of daylight. There is a lot happening in our green spaces as waves of bulbs and other spring flowers colour our churchyards, green spaces and gardens.

In the garden, March is the month of feeding, dividing, and sowing: getting the soil ready, perhaps with some lovely homemade compost; dividing perennial plants; and sowing seeds, remembering to include varieties that will attract bees and butterflies. If you have space for it, you might consider in a small pond, which is one of the best things we can do for wildlife in our gardens, as well as a joy to watch. As the grass starts to grow, you could let it get a bit longer between mowings or even set aside an area as a mini wildflower meadow to support more wildlife.

If you have bird feeders, keep feeding the birds but please remember to keep cleaning the bird feeders to avoid the spread of diseases.

If you have an item or small appliance that needs repairing, don't throw it away or even pay for it to be repaired - visit the wonderful Repair Café and one of the talented volunteers will repair your item for you. It meets on the second Saturday of every month from 10am - 1pm at Cirencester Baptist Church. You can find out more about Gloucestershire Repair Cafés at <https://www.gloucestershirerecycles.com/repair-cafes/>

Here are some other ways we can join in:

3 March: World Wildlife Day - a United Nations International day to celebrate all the world's wild animals and plants and the contribution that they make to our lives and the health of the planet.

21 March: International Day of Forests This year's theme is 'Forests and Health' – the interconnections between healthy forests and healthy people, highlighting how forests contribute to clean air, water, medicines, and mental well-being. A good day to visit a local woodland.

21 March to 6 April: The Great British Spring Clean - Keep Britain Tidy's annual national clean-up.

22 March: World Water Day - to encourage changing the way we use, consume and manage water in our lives.

23 March Earth Hour – switch off the lights for an hour at 8.30pm. For more information visit [www.earthhour.org](http://www.earthhour.org)

Rachel and Juliette Jago on behalf of Kemble PCC

## KEMBLE AND EWEN THEATRE GROUP

In October 2007 the first theatre outing was to see 42<sup>nd</sup> Street at the Bristol Hippodrome. Since then, we have enjoyed some wonderful shows at theatres in Bath, Malvern, Cheltenham, Newbury and Cardiff, usually for an evening performance but occasionally for a matinee. On one occasion we all enjoyed a cream tea in the restaurant at the Watermill after a matinee performance.

I have thoroughly enjoyed choosing shows with the help of Julia and Yvonne and then booking a coach and calculating cost, timings etc. Unfortunately, Covid put a stop to our outings and we haven't got going again since!

I feel the time is right now for me to retire from the organising role and I really hope there is someone who might take it over as it has been very popular and people keep asking me when the next outing will be!

I have lots of notes on everything and will be here to help in any way I can.

So please, if you think it is something you might like to do, contact me and I will give you more information.

Pat Ferris 07552091840 or email [pat.ferris@icloud.com](mailto:pat.ferris@icloud.com)



### **Kemble and Ewen Women's Institute**

The March meeting will be held in The Tavern function room on Thursday 20th at 3pm. Vicky Wright from Melcourt Ltd will be the speaker and she will tell us about Peat Free compost gardening. All visitors very welcome. contact Pat on [ayrescares50@gmail.com](mailto:ayrescares50@gmail.com) for more info.

Pat Ayres secretary



### **Kemble Royal British Legion Women's Section**

You are invited to join a meeting on Saturday 1st March in Kemble village hall at 2.30pm when we have Matt Middleditch who will tell us all about working with bomb disposal and his wife Carmen who is the fundraiser manager who raises money to support those that suffer in any way through that. The charity is called the Felix Fund.

If you would like to come along please contact Pat [ayrescares50@gmail.com](mailto:ayrescares50@gmail.com) or 01285 770385 so she can put you on the attendance list. Afternoon teas will be served and Carmen will be running a raffle in aid of Felix Fund.

Pat Ayres



Just a reminder that the Kemble Museum/ Archives are now housed in Kemble Station booking office and London side waiting room. There is talk that more space may become available as and when. Whenever the ticket office is open/ manned anyone can visit and browse with the opportunity of purchasing drinks and snacks from Off the Rails cafe. This is a great amenity to have in the village especially when you have visitors as you could include a walk around to the station to have a look.

Pat Ayres









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If you would like to join us as a guest for this film the cost is £3.50 per person

To book please email [pkfilmclub23@gmail.com](mailto:pkfilmclub23@gmail.com) as seating is limited and booking is essential

### Poole Keynes 100 Club

The number drawn for February was Number 20 Sue Frimbert (O'Neill)

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### PANCAKES

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## New Church Electoral Roll

In 2025, every church must prepare a new Electoral Roll. This means that even if you are already on the Electoral Roll, you have to apply again to be included.

### What is the Electoral Roll?

This is the parish church's register of electors. In the same way that being on the civic Electoral Roll allows you to vote in parliamentary and local elections and referenda, joining the Church Electoral Roll means that you can vote on Church matters, attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and stand for election to the PCC.

Being on the Electoral Roll does NOT make you a "member" of the Church; simply regarding your local church as your spiritual home does that.

### Do I have to join the Roll?

You can be a full and active member of our Church without joining the Roll. Being on the Electoral Roll does not entail signing up to any additional commitments, however, it does help the Church show its strength. Representation on the governing bodies of the church depends on the number on the Electoral Roll.

### How do I qualify for the Roll?

To apply for the Electoral Roll, you must meet ALL the following conditions:

You must be aged 16 or over (though you can apply in the year you become 16 and your name will be entered once your birth date has passed).

You must be baptised.

You must be a member of the Church of England\* and EITHER live in the parish OR have attended a church in the parish regularly for at least 6 months.\*\*

*(\*This means that you are a member of a Church in communion with the Church of England or another Anglican Church or a member of a Church not in communion with the Church of England but which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity; you must be prepared to also declare yourself a member of the Church of England. This includes other Protestant denominations such as Moravian, Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist, as well as Roman Catholic, URC, Russian/Greek Orthodox etc.)*

*(\*\*If you are a parish resident you do not have to actually attend the Church of which you consider yourself a member; but if you live outside the parish, the 6 months' regular attendance at a church inside the parish is a requirement.)*

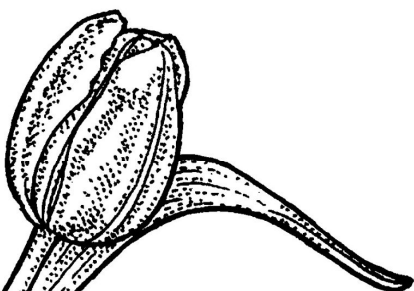
### What should I do next?

If you have any questions or would like to be apply or reapply to be on the electoral roll of one of our churches, you can contact the Electoral Roll officer of that church. They will be able to give you a form and tell you when it's due in:

**Kemble Church:** Juliette Jago, on 07484 146700 or [juliettek@btinternet.com](mailto:juliettek@btinternet.com)

**Poole Keynes Church:** Tom Grand, on 07767 445377 or [tgrand@btinternet.com](mailto:tgrand@btinternet.com)

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Many thanks  
Ronnie Dunn



**Thursday 10th April 2025**  
19:15 to 21:00

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2nd March		BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION At Coates	Exodus 34.29-end 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2 Luke 9.28-36, [37-43a]	Linda Day	Lent	Cleaning: Josie Woodley, Polly Handover, Poppy Broadbent
9th March	Judith Miles	MORNING SOURCE	Deuteronomy 26.1-11 Romans 10.8b-13 Luke 4.1-13	Lent	Lent	Cleaning: Josie Woodley, Polly Handover, Poppy
16th March	Martin Kingston	Rob & Linda Day	Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18 Philemon 3.17-4.1 Luke 13.31-end	Lent	Lent	Cleaning: Josie Woodley, Polly
23rd March	Colin Rank	Stephen & Karen Lambert-Humble	Isaiah 55.1-9 1 Corinthians 10.1-13 Luke 13.1-9	Lent	Lent	Cleaning: Josie Woodley, Polly Handover, Poppy Broadbent
30th March	Keith Miles	MORNING SOURCE	Exodus 2.1-10 or 1 Samuel 1.20-end 2 Corinthians 1.3-7 or Colossians 3.12-17 Luke 2.33-35 or	Lent	Lent	Cleaning: Josie Woodley, Polly Handover, Poppy Broadbent
6th April		BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION At Somerford Keynes	Isaiah 43.16-21 Philippians 3.4b-14 John 12.1-8	Lent	Margaret S. All ladies for Easter	Cleaning: Sue Cadwallader Chris Bell

### Church Wardens

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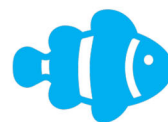


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