

PARISH NEWS

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Kemble and Ewen Safari Supper **Saturday 16th November 2024**



Three Courses, Three Locations, One Safari Supper

When: Saturday 16th November 2024
Where: Starter & Mains hosted in Kemble or Ewen,
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Time: 6.30pm - 11.00pm
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September 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 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 and we will get in touch with you.

September services				
01.09.24	Trinity 14	10.00	Kemble	Communion (streamed) + Children's Church
		10.00	Poole Keynes	Holy Communion
		11.00	Somerford Keynes	Holy Communion
		11.00	Frampton Mansell	Holy Communion
		11.00	Rodmarton	Morning Prayer
		18.00	33 West Hay Grove	Evening Source
08.09.24	Trinity 15	9.30	Coates	Harvest Service
		10.00	Kemble	Morning Source – all age (streamed)
		11.00	Tarlton	Harvest Holy Communion
15.09.24	Trinity 16	9.30	Coates	Holy Communion
		10.00	Kemble	Morning Prayer
		10.00	Poole Keynes	Morning Prayer
		11.00	Frampton Mansell	Morning Prayer
		11.00	Rodmarton	Morning Prayer
22.09.24	Trinity 17	8.00	Tarlton	Holy Communion BCP
		10.00	Poole Keynes	Benefice Service
		11.00	Somerford Keynes	Harvest service
29.09.24	Trinity 18	10.00	Kemble	Morning Prayer
		11.00	Rodmarton	Morning Prayer – Blessing of Animals
October services				
06.10.24	Trinity 19	10.00	Kemble	Communion (streamed) + Children's Church
		10.00	Poole Keynes	Holy Communion
		11.00	Sapperton	Holy Communion
		11.00	Rodmarton	Morning Prayer
		11.00	Somerford Keynes	Holy Communion

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

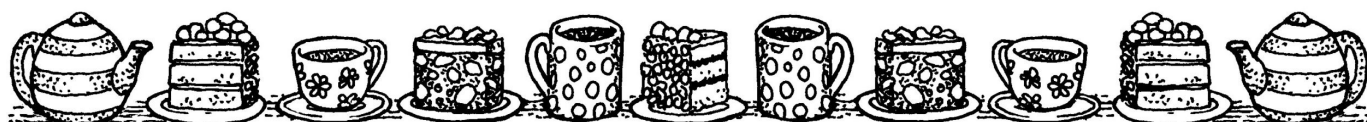
One of the happiest times of the year is the Harvest Festival - and the people of Kemble Church love it so much that this year they're celebrating it twice!

The first service will take place at the Tavern on Sunday 13th October, starting at 10.00 am. It will be lead by the Source team, with emphasis on informal worship and lots of opportunities for children (of all ages) to enjoy themselves. If you feel you can, please bring a donation for the Food Bank.

The second service will be during Morning Service, also starting at 10.00' in the church itself. The choir will be leading the singing. Although the service will be a little more formal, we'd still love you to bring your children - they will all have an important job to do. Every year the whole village supports Gloucestershire Domestic Abuse Support Service, and if you feel you can we'd be grateful if you can donate to that - ideas how to next month.

God bless
Judith

Copy deadline for October magazine: 21st September 2024, email parishnewsthb@gmail.com.





Poole Keynes Film Club
Friday 13th September 2024
2pm and 8pm

During the height of the Great Depression, members of the rowing team at the University of Washington get thrust into the spotlight as they compete for gold at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin.

Based on an incredible true story this movie is directed by George Clooney and stars Callum Turner

If you would like to become a member of the film club then please email pkfilmclub23@gmail.com for more information

If you would like to join us as a guest the cost is £3.50 per person To book please email pkfilmclub23@gmail.com as seating is limited and booking is essential

A Date for your Diary

South Cerney Stragglers, a local running group, are raising funds for The Focus Support and Information Centre at Cheltenham General Hospital.

So come and join us for a

Fun Quiz Night on Friday 11th October
7pm for 7.30pm

At Poole Keynes Village Hall

Light Supper

Bar

Raffle

Ticket Price TBC

More info next month or contact

Judith to book your team
jhiscock56@icloud.com

A few members are also competing in the Stroud Half Marathon on Sunday 27th October 2024



The FOCUS support centre is situated in the heart of the Oncology Centre in the outpatient waiting area of Cheltenham General Hospital. The team are there to support patients at every step; from a diagnosis of cancer to advice during and beyond their treatment. The team work alongside the NHS clinical team and offer daily support of pre-chemotherapy and pre-radiotherapy information sessions, complimentary therapies for patients and a weekly Wig Clinic with a professional Wig consultant together with practical and emotional support and advice to patients and their families and carers.

Somerford Keynes Harvest Lunch

Sunday 22nd September 2024
Harvest Service at the church 11am
Lunch at the Village Hall 12:30pm

**£8 adult
£4 child (under 5)**

- Bring a salad/pudding
- Ticket incl. wine/soft drink and selection of cold meats+sausages
- Plenty of food, drinks and good company -incl. kids corner!
- All proceeds go to Cirencester Food Bank

To reserve your ticket either:
 1. Email hellymetcalfe@gmail.com OR
 2. Pop your cash+name in an envelope **FAO Paula Eales @ Lorien, Somerford Keynes, GL7 6DT** or contact on 01285 862430

Everyone is invited to come to either or both of the following events;

Sunday 22nd September at 11am - Harvest festival service in the church immediately followed by;

12.30 Harvest Lunch in the village hall.

£8 a ticket to include first glass of wine, cold meats and sausages and some sides, £4 for children under 5.

We ask everyone to please bring a salad or pudding to share. We will have a "kid's corner" to keep little ones entertained and plenty of good food and company! We will be collecting for Cirencester Foodbank both at the church and in the village hall. Please look at their website to see what they require - www.cirencester.foodbank.org.uk. In the year to March 2023 it provided 4,724 three day emergency parcels and help is still urgently needed.

Please RSVP to Helena Melcalfe with your preferred offering of salad or pudding no later than Friday 13th September - hellymetcalfe@gmail.com OR pop your cash in a named envelope to Paula Eales - Lorien, Somerford Keynes - contact 01285 862430



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For the family/home, shoeboxes can be filled with candles, plastic containers, T-towels (preferably decorative), small saucepans, hair-brushes, plastic utensils, bowls and cups, soap, washing up cloths, clothes pegs, and a small Christmas decoration.

Gifts must not include anything glass, anything sharp, or anything to do with conflict or politics.

I am happy to collect or take delivery throughout the year of any suitable gifts you may wish to make - whether Christmas wrapping paper, shoeboxes (men's sizes preferred) and/or donations to cover transportation which costs £3.00 per box.

I'm also happy to receive any filled and wrapped boxes (note - please do not seal them down as they have to be opened checked at the central depot before they are finally sent off);

May I request items are not left at my gate without prior agreement, to avoid them being spoiled by the elements if left outside and un-attended for a period of time.

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Flower Festival

This is a huge thank you to each and every one of you who have come together on this exciting journey to promote sustainable flower arranging.

You have truly, truly glorified God and his creation.

You have inspired so many others of all ages.

You have bought joy and laughter.

You have added a special dimension to our wonderful venue at St John's

You have educated

You have given hope

You have made Facebook buzz a lot...

You have bought tears to people's eyes about the beauty of our natural world

You have ignited special memories, sights and smells.

You have enabled people to ask questions of themselves and each other.

You have pleased and inspired congregations

You have pleased and inspired Bishop Robert who was there on Sunday.

You have made a big difference in our stewardship of Creation.

Thank you - it seems inadequate but heartfelt.

And just in case you are wonderingwe are a very special team on a journey and we are not sure what is nextbut it will certainly be more about flowers, sustainability and most of all 'Glorifying God. We won't lose touch and do look at the next Diocesan Bulletin.

See you Wednesday and please collect your envelope as a small token of our appreciation. Every good wish to each one of you and our love,

Rosemary X



Photos of the 2 arrangements some of the flower ladies from All Saints, Kemble supplied for the recent Sustainable Flower Festival held at St John's Parish Church in Cirencester. All flowers had to be grown locally, from gardens and hedgerows and arranged using traditional methods, so no oasis, (which is not bio-degradable) using chicken wire, flower 'nails' and the like. A challenge for us!

We were very pleased with our efforts and had some encouraging and complimentary feedback from other flower arrangers and public alike.



Thanks to Pat Ayres, Kelsie Hall, Lucinda Turner and Julia Clarke

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Harvest???

With Harvesting in full flow at the moment and church services will be held soon to mark the end of harvest, did you know about Lammas?

In recent years we have been attending with our farming friends an ancient Christian festival of Lammastide which many village and farming communities have re-discovered. It is the festival at which thanks are given to God for the start of the harvest and grain and bread are offered as a symbol of this thanksgiving. 'Lammas' is an Anglo-Saxon word for 'loaf' which is followed by 'mass' to indicate a Christian festival at which the Eucharist is celebrated.

Pat Ayres



Littlefishes

Welcome to ALL pre-school children, babies, parents & carers
Each Monday in term time from 2pm-4pm
at Kemble Village Hall
No charge

The Kemble Station Mystery

I recently read this in another village magazine!

We are very fortunate to have a railway station in Kemble but why on earth did it end up here?

Research has been done and this is possibly a conversation held between Isambard Kingdom Brunel and Robert Gordon in 1836!

Brunel – Mr. Gordon, I'm drawing up plans for a Great Western Railway line between Cirencester and London, and I'm prepared to pay £250 per acre if you will permit me to run the line through your land.

Gordon – I don't need your money, Mr. Brunel, and the last thing I want is for a railway line to spoil our view from Kemble House.

Brunel – I could build a covered section of the line, about 400 yards long, so that you won't see it. Incidentally, Mr. Gordon, how long does it take you to reach your club in London?

Gordon – there's a regular stagecoach service, which takes two days.

Brunel – I'll build you your own platform, and as long as you give us prior notice, the train will stop for you and transport you to London within two hours!

And so Kemble started out as a basic single platform, which by 1882 had the impressive Victorian Gothic stone building we see today, with the two platforms.

Pat Ayres

Kemble and Ewen Women's Institute

We are back at the Tavern for our September meeting and Nasim Desai from Oaksey will be our guest speaker talking on Zanzibar and the 1964 Revolution. Visitors are very welcome just come along on Thursday the 19th September at 3pm. Some members are attending the 100th anniversary of Oaksey W. I. on Thursday 12th September and are looking forward to this milestone celebration very much.

Contact me if you would like to know more about our programme for the rest of this year. **Pat Ayres secretary.**
01285 770385. ayrescares50@gmail.com

Kemble and district RBLWS

Two dates which may be of interest to members of the RBL and RBLWS which all are invited.

Saturday the 7th September is the Gloucester Day Parade with lots going on during the day with a parade through the main streets from 1pm.



Sunday the 8th September is the 80th Anniversary Arnhem Service at the Down Ampney Memorial at 11am.

Date for diary on Monday the 21st October in Kemble village hall 10-11.30am the annual Poppy Coffee morning. Any items for the bring and buy and raffle stalls would be most welcome.

Pat Ayres Chair/Sec.

Kemble Village Hall Rural Cinema



A stuntman, fresh off an almost career-ending accident, has to track down a missing movie star, solve a conspiracy and try to win back the love of his life while still doing his day job. What could possibly go right?

Monday 16th September 2024

7.30 for 8.00

Tickets £5.00

Cirencester Eating Disorder self help support group

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Farming Matters

As I settle down to write this, mid-August, the harvest is in full swing. We've had a run of good weather recently and there is a buzz around the fields as a variety of machines scramble around the countryside, at all hours of the day and night, carrying out a range of tasks from cutting crops to hauling grain, baling straw and carting it to the barn, cultivating harvested fields and planting new crops. It's all go.

Machines seem to get larger each year, aiming to become more efficient and achieve optimum timeliness of both harvesting and turnaround into the next crop, in what seem to be ever narrower weather windows. The largest combine harvesters, whilst capable of shifting huge volumes, come with an equally huge price tag - just short of £1m.

Oilseed Rape and Barley were the first crops to come off in mid-July, with variable yields, in some places down by 20%, reflecting the poor growing season. The main arable crop in this country is wheat. UK farmers would normally harvest around 14 million tonnes of wheat from about 1.8 million hectares. Both yield and cropped area are down this year resulting in a total expected harvest of around 11 million tonnes.



Due to the poor weather conditions last Autumn and this Spring, many planned crops were not planted, and spring beans have seen a significant resurgence as an alternative. You may have noticed fields sprouting this crop locally. This late planting means this crop won't be harvested very early, leaving precious little time to get the following crop sown before winter. So, despite the challenging weather this season, the sun shines again, the combine harvesters roll, and the barns and grain stores are filling up. But there are increasing concerns on the horizon.

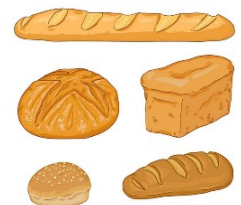


New government policy heightens the debate about land use for food vs energy vs housing vs habitats. If we were allowed to eat only home-produced food from 1st January, this is the week it would run out. The amount of domestically produced food has hovered around 60% for many years, with food production managing to keep pace with the growing population.

In 2005 the UK population was 60.4 million growing to 67 million by 2023, Yet UK farmers continue to produce 60% of the food we need, by a combination of improved efficiency, better animal and plant genetics and increased scientific know-how. Although there has been marked increases in dairy and chicken output, vegetable production has dropped alarmingly (now 53% self-sufficient). Can we supply the 2026 estimated 70 million population at the same 60%, or until 14th August - the day home-grown food runs out?

A little concerning therefore to read a report this week from Natural England which anticipates food production will drop by 25% if we hit all of the environmental targets set by the government. In a separate move the government is due to consult on dropping the clause in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which requires planning authorities to consider food security when approving planning applications. The 1.5 million new homes planned for the next 5 years won't all be built on brownfield sites. So some farmland will inevitably be lost to development.

In July the newly appointed Secretary of State for DESNZ issued a surprise decision to approve the 2500-acre Sunnica solar farm in West Suffolk, going against the advice of the government appointed expert Examining Authority. The four affected planning authorities are now taking the first steps towards a judicial review. Not because they fear a loss of valuable farmland but outlining fears of inadequate provision for additional costs the councils will face. I realise that the land in question would not all be sown to wheat, but if it were, that would produce the equivalent of around 10,000 tonnes of wheat, or 18 million loaves of bread, each year.



I'm not trying to make a political point here. Just highlighting that we need to agree a balance. Whatever food is not produced here in the UK must be produced elsewhere. How does the importance of building developments, energy security or renewable energy compare with food security, and responsible, ethical sourcing from other countries.

And remember "A mind is like a parachute. It doesn't work if it isn't open." (Frank Zappa)

Bon Appetite
David Ball

Rotas for September 2024

	Sidesperson	Readers	Readings	Kemble Flowers	Poole Keynes Cleaning & Flowers	Somerford Keynes Cleaning & Flowers
1st Sept	Pat Ferris	Keith & Judith Miles	Deuteronomy 4.1-2, 6-9 or Song of Solomon 2.8-13	Karen Lambert Humble	Sue T. and Margaret B.	Flowers: J Cook Cleaning: Lisa Willis Wendy Cartwright
8th Sept	Binnie Rank	MORNING SOURCE	Proverbs 22.1, 8-8, 22-23 James 2.1-10, [11-13], 14-17	Julia Clarke		Flowers: D Sleeman Cleaning: Lisa Willis Wendy Cartwright
15th Sept	Stephen Lambert-Humble	Rob & Linda Day	Proverbs 1.20-33 James 3.1-12 Mark 8.27-38	Wedding— Julia Clarke		Flowers: D Sleeman Cleaning: Lisa Willis Wendy Cartwright
22nd Sept		UNITED BENEFICE SERVICE	Proverbs 31.10-31 James 3.13-4.3, 7-8a Mark 9.30-37	Anne Wilton		Flowers: D Sleeman Cleaning: Lisa Willis Wendy Cartwright
29th Sept	Mark Wilton	Juliette Jago Kelsie Hall	Esther 7.1-6, 9-10; 9.20-22 James 5.13-20 Mark 9.38-50	Anne Wilton		Flowers: D Sleeman Cleaning: Lisa Willis Wendy Cartwright
6th October	Karen Czapiewski	Stephen & Karen Lambert-Humble	Job 1.1; 2.1-10 Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12 Mark 10.2-16	Tessa Tarratt	Di	Flowers: L Ireland Cleaning: Sandy Crofts Alexia Goldman

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We are the **North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club** and we meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in Crudwell Village Hall at 7 for 7.30pm. There is plenty parking space and a warm welcome for all visitors.

We have different levels of expertise and experience with arranging flowers. Some of us are florists while others are folk who just love flowers. Our programme is varied with a mix of workshops, demonstrations, social events and visits. We meet at 7 for 7.30pm. You are very welcome to join us. We have a Facebook page you can visit or contact us on nwvflowerclub@gmail.com alternatively my mob no is 07703299277.

In September we have our (painless) AGM followed by a good speaker Richard Ricketts with Buzz in the Garden. But our big event is our Open Evening on Nov 20th at Malmesbury Town Hall with National Demonstrator Angela Turner and a "Natural Christmas". Last year was really good so we expect this year to be very good too with stalls and a raffle for the arrangements as well as a Christmas Hamper Raffle. Next year 2025 we have already booked Katherine Kear (a National Demonstrator) for 19th November. So we hope you can put all these dates in your diary.

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