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October 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

October se	rvices			
06.10.24 Trinity 19		10.00	10.00 Kemble Communion (streamed) + 0	
		10.00	Poole Keynes	Holy Communion
		11.00	Somerford Keynes	Holy Communion
		11.00	Sapperton	Holy Communion
		11.00	Rodmarton	Morning Prayer
13.10.24	Trinity 20	9.30	Coates	Holy Communion
		10.00	Kemble	Source Harvest at The Tavern
		11.00	Rodmarton	Harvest Holy Communion followed by lunch in
				the Village Hall
		16.00	Poole Keynes	Harvest Service
20.10.24	Trinity 21	9.30	Coates	Morning Prayer
		10.00	Kemble	Harvest Morning Prayer
		10.00	Poole Keynes	Morning Prayer
		11.00	Frampton Mansell	Harvest and Pet service
		11.00	Rodmarton	Morning Prayer
		11.00	Somerford Keynes	Morning Prayer
27.10.24	Trinity 22	8.00	Tarlton	Holy Communion BCP
		10.00	Rodmarton	Benefice Service
		15.00	Coates	All Saints and All Souls service
November	services			
03.11.24	4 th before Advent	10.00	Kemble	Communion (streamed) + Children's Church
		10.00	Poole Keynes	Holy Communion
		11.00	Frampton Mansell	Holy Communion
		11.00	Rodmarton	Holy Communion for All Saints
		11.00	Somerford Keynes	Holy Communion
		11.00	Comendia Reynes	non communion

The Joy of Shoebox Season

Each year, T4U distributes the shoeboxes and gifts to children and people who are victims of war, poverty and natural disaster and these are probably the only Christmas presents they receive.

For children (aged 2 - 14), suitable gifts include hats, gloves, scarves, new underwear and socks, stationery, soft toys, puzzles, dolls and cars. A flannel, soap, toothbrush and toothpaste, and of course a packet of sweets are also very welcome.

For the family/home, shoeboxes can be filled with candles, plastic containers, T-towels (preferably decorative), small saucepans, hairbrushes, 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 unattended for a period of time.

If you want to know more about T4U, do have a look at the website www.teams4u.com

Jane Russell

Tel: 01285 770340

Dear friends,

I have been thinking a lot about prayer recently and it got me thinking about how many of us pray on a regular basis – other than when we go to church or as a reflex reaction like "Thank God!".

Do we know how to pray - has anyone ever sat down with us and said 'this is how to pray?

We tend to think of prayer as being an individual, private activity and one that should come naturally, but does it?

For some of us, prayer is a safety net - we're glad it's there, but we hope we never have to use it.

Prayer is about our relationship with God and like any relationship, it requires time.

I suspect many of us, like me, tend to pray on the run – sending up prayers of thanks or asking for help or intercession when the need arises, but our relationship with God cannot flourish unless we find time to be fully present to Him: speaking with and listening to him, sharing silence or beauty, delight or sorrow.

There are times when we want to spend time in quiet prayer but other times when we want to shout at God or cry. The most important thing is to share it with our heavenly father, who loves us and wants us to share our thoughts with him. In the words of the hymn 'Take it to the Lord in prayer'.

I have recently completed an online course exploring how mixed media can be an act of creative worship and how it can open up ways of having a conversation (praying) with God. I have found that taking time to create something prayerfully has deepened my relationship with God. As I put together my 'picture', I am praying constantly and thoughtfully, rather than my usual rushed prayers. And then of course, I am taking time to listen to God too as prayer is a two-way process.

And as I pray, I am beginning to come to a greater understanding of God's purpose for me and my life.

Across the Benefice there are a number of opportunities to pray

- a zoom prayer meeting at 8.30am each Tuesday where prayers are said for our Benefice (details on the website);
- a daily WhatsApp prayer group where we pray for the Benefice and the world (message me on 07774104990 if you would like to join the group)
- 24/7 prayer room (details on website)
- E- prayers when you need prayers for someone or a situation in crisis (details on website)
- the prayer labyrinth at St Luke's, Frampton Mansell provides a wonderful opportunity for private prayer surrounded by God's creation

If you would like to explore some contemporary, creative prayer, come and join me for a morning of creative prayer on Saturday 19th October 10am – 1pm. We will use mixed media (e.g. paint, paper, pastels etc.) to open up different ways of having a conversation (praying) with God. To book a place contact me on 07774104990.

With love and prayers,

Liz Collins (Lay Reader)



Somerford Keynes



Helen Sweet, from Somerford Keynes, her daughter Jennifer and son Robert recently completed an exhilarating Wing Walk at Rendcomb in memory of husband and father John Sweet, to raise funds for Prostate Cancer and Pets As Therapy. The family Wing Walk marked what would have been John's 75th birthday and exceeded their fund raising goal. For those who would like to donate, the Just Giving link is https://www.justgiving.com/team/sweets-wingwalk



SOUTH CERNEY STRAGGLERS CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 11th October
Poole Keynes
Village Hall
7 for 7:30 start

Tickets £12 each to include light supper

Cash Bar and Raffle Teams of up to 6 people





Booking essential as space is limited Email jhiscock56@icloud.com

Please state when booking if you are vegetarian, vegan or have any food allergies

Poole Keynes 100 Club September draw Congratulations to Sarah and Bill Powell



Poole Keynes Race Night Friday 27th September 2024 Poole Keynes Village Hall 7.00 for 7.30pm

Come and enjoy a fun evening with friends and the excitement of the races.

Don't miss out so get under starter's orders by booking your tickets from Adam 07906802026

Tickets £5.00

To Include Delicious Puddings

Donations of puddings to share would be appreciated

Cash Bar with Beer, Cider, Wine and Fizz

Space is limited so book early to avoid disappointment



Poole Keynes Film Club Friday 4th October 2024 2pm and 8pm

The true story of London broker Nicholas "Nicky" Winton who helps rescue hundreds of predominantly Jewish children from Czechoslovakia in a race against time before the Nazi occupation closes the borders. Fifty years later, he's still haunted by the fate of those he wasn't able to bring to safety.

Starring Anthony Hopkins, Helena Bonham Carter and Johnny Flynn

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

To book please email pkfilmclub23@gmail.com as seating is limited and booking is essential

IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE!

Last month I didn't make it clear that we are celebrating the harvest on two separate dates: I'm very sorry to have confused you. Our harvest services are at 10.00am on 13th October and 10.00 am 20th October.

On 13th October the Source Team will lead a service at the Tavern, just as they did last year. Look forward to informal worship, with lots of opportunities for children (yes, and adults too) to join in thanking God for his gifts. Some people like to donate gifts to a good cause — no, not sheaves of corn or giant marrows, but items for Cirencester Food Bank, the sorts of things often listed in supermarkets as being in greatest demand.

The following week, at 10.00 am we have a service in the church itself, and have the great pleasure of being joined in our worship by the wonderful choir. Please bring your children – they will have an important job to do. As you know, every year Ewen, Poole Keynes and Kemble join together to support Gloucestershire Domestic Abuse Support Service – GDASS. This year they would be especially grateful for store vouchers – the sort you can get from Kam at the Village Stores. If it's easier, cash in a sealed envelope would be great. And they would love offerings of toys and toiletries as well. God Bless!

Judith





Kemble and Ewen Safari Supper Saturday 16th November 2024



Three Courses, Three Locations, One Safari Supper

An entertaining way to meet people and support Kemble Village Hall.

When: Saturday 16th November 2024

Where: Starter & Mains hosted in Kemble or Ewen,

Puddings in Kemble Village Hall.

Time: 6:30pm – 11:00pm

Contribution to KVH: £10 or £20 per person, depending

on whether you host a course or attend as guests

Please contact me to book your place, or for further information:

Contact: Ian Czapiewski

Email: lowwood@gmail.com

Phone: 01285-770255





Email KPG@kemble.gloucs.sch.uk

Join Our Team: Become a School Governor at Kemble Primary School!

Are you passionate about education and community involvement? Do you have skills that could positively impact a school's future?



Kemble Primary School is seeking individuals from the local community to join its Local Governing Body and support its vision of 'Aspire, Believe, Persevere, Achieve.'

Kemble School, part of The Corinium Education Trust, is committed to developing pupils into successful, confident learners and responsible citizens. The Local Governing Body plays a vital role in supporting and challenging the school's leadership to ensure these goals are achieved.

What Do School Governors Do? As a school governor, you will offer strategic guidance to shape the future direction of Kemble Primary School.

Your responsibilities will include:

- Collaborating with fellow members of the Local Governing Body to plan the school's strategic direction.
- Providing support and challenge to the Headteacher
- Challenging existing processes to drive school improvement.

The Local Governing Body meets 5 times a year. Meetings are scheduled for 2 hours from 18.00-20.00 on Tuesdays. All members of our Local Governing Bodies are also expected to attend The Corinium Education Trust's governance training events three evenings a year.

Why Join Us? Becoming a school governor is not only a rewarding opportunity to give back to your community but also offers numerous professional and personal benefits, including:

- Career development opportunities.
- The chance to make a tangible difference in young people's lives. Networking with like-minded individuals from diverse backgrounds.

At Kemble Primary School, we welcome individuals from all walks of life and value the unique perspectives and skills they bring. You don't need to be an education expert to make a difference—your passion and commitment are what truly matter.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a school governor at Kemble Primary School, please contact **Kathy Jackson, CET Governance Officer,** at clerk@coriniumeducationtrust.net for more information.

Kemble Church, Eco Church - Kemble gets Bronze!

Kemble Church is part of an A Rocha UK scheme called Eco Church, which helps churches to care for God's creation through their: worship and teaching; use of buildings; use of land; engagement with the community and individual lifestyles. We have now achieved a Bronze award in all these areas and will continue to look for ways to improve our environmental impact.



Our survey of the churchyard identified species we hadn't spotted before, including a toad, which probably benefited from the damp spring. Unfortunately, this has not been a good year for insects - even the less welcome ones have been less apparent, and although a few butterflies have emerged, they are scarcely abundant - so we need to keep ensuring that we plant for pollinators, avoid insecticides and provide spaces for invertebrates.

October is the month to get out and admire the beauty of autumn leaf colours. It is also an opportunity to create leaf mould, which is an invaluable soil conditioner, as well as a great shelter for overwintering invertebrates. According to the RHS, the best quality leaf mould is produced from the leaves of oak, beech or hornbeam. Thicker leaves can also be used, but should be shredded first, to speed up the process. All you do is collect up the leaves and put them into a chicken wire frame or bin liner, (moisten them if they are dry, then pierce holes in the bag with a knife or garden fork, tie the top loosely and stack the bags out of sight for up to two years.

Other ways you can celebrate autumn:

October is International Walk to School Month

4th October: World Animal Day – an international day for animal rights and welfare celebrated on the feast day of St Francis of Assisi. This year's theme is 'the world is their home too.

4th October: No Disposable Cup Day – don't forget yours – sometimes it saves you money too

7th October: World Habitat Day – this year's theme is 'engaging youth to create a better urban future'

8-9th October: International Astronomy Day - the Draconid meteor shower is at its peak (if we're lucky enough to have

cloud free sky).

16th October: World Food Day – An international day of action and celebration held by the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation: this year's theme is 'Right to foods for a better life and a better future'.





ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - KEMBLE AND DISTRICT BRANCH

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – October 2024

Many thanks to David Russell, who in June enlightened our knowledge of history with his talk - "Warren Hastings and the East India Company".

Our talks and AGM will all be held in Kemble Village Hall starting at 19:00hrs.

Saturday 12th October - 100 Years of RBL in Cirencester - Celebration

100 Years of RBL in Cirencester celebration 18:30hrs Cirencester Parish Church.

Various music recitals and choirs. Tickets £15 - Contact Allen Howe on 07766020610.

Monday 21st October - Poppy Appeal Launch

Poppy Appeal launch event at Coffee Stop, 10:00-11:30hrs Kemble Village Hall.

Thursday 24th October - AGM and Talk

Our Annual General Meeting will start at 19:15hrs, following the RBL Women's Section AGM.

The talk following the AGM will be "In the Footsteps of Lawrence of Arabia', where Jamie Bowden will walk us through an expedition he undertook during his military career.

Sunday 10th November - Branch Remembrance Day Service

Our Branch Remembrance Day Service will be incorporated within the All Saints' Church Kemble Annual Remembrance Day Service starting at 10:00hrs, followed by wreath-laying at the war memorial.

After this service there will be refreshments in Kemble Village Hall.

This event is for everybody – not just Legion members.

Friday 6th December – Christmas Meal – Thames Head Inn

This popular annual event has been arranged for the above date and members will be receiving more information about this event nearer the time.

If you would like more information, please contact me for details or check out the British Legion website:

https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/things-to-do/membership/become-a-member

Ian Czapiewski – Branch Secretary – 07711 015168

Kemble and Ewen Women's Institute

All welcome to the Tavern function room for our October meeting on Thursday 17th October at 3pm speaker yet to be confirmed!

Visitors are very welcome, as always we serve delicious cakes and a cuppa!

Contact me if you would like to know more!

Pat Ayres secretary. 01285 770385. ayrescares50@gmail.com

Kemble and district RBLWS

On Monday the 21st October in Kemble village hall 10-11.30am the annual Poppy Coffee morning to kick start the 2024 Poppy appeal will be held. The ladies of the RBLWS are supporting Rachel Roffe the new poppy area organizer who lives in Somerford

Keynes. Any items for bring and buy and raffle stalls would be most welcome. (see poster)



The AGM of the Women's Section will precede the RBL meeting which commences at 7pm on Thursday 24th October in Kemble village hall to present its accounts and the annual report. The officers' invite its members to come along to propose and adopt them. This very short meeting should only take at the most 10 minutes!!!

Pat Ayres Chair/Sec.

<u>Cirencester Eating Disorder self help support group</u>

(this group covers all of Gloucestershire and beyond) Formed 2003. A FREE service.

The next meeting is on Wednesday October 2nd 7.30pm in Coates village hall. i.e. the first Wednesday in the month.

I am collecting Christmas bits and pieces for the charity as I am having a stand at the Advent Festival in Cirencester Parish Church on Saturday 30th November to promote and raise funds.

Contact Pat in confidence 01285 770385 ayrescares50@gmail.com





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

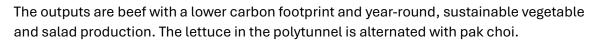
Farming Matters

As a member of the Steering Group for the Green Shed research project being undertaken by the Scottish Rural University College (SRUC), I recently travelled to Edinburgh to receive an update of their findings and see at close quarters the art of the possible.

The Green Shed Project explores the extent to which we could develop a circular farming system involving cattle reared for beef, renewable energy production, organic fertilisers and sustainable vegetable production. Conventionally reared beef cattle which have spent most of their lives grazing Scottish pastures are housed in a controlled environment shed for the four months prior to slaughter.

Their manure is processed in an anaerobic digester and the resulting biogas, together with the methane captured from the shed, having been produced by the cattle digesting their forage-based feed, is used to produce heat and power, which in turn is used to enhance the growth of lettuce in an adjacent polytunnel.

The digestate resulting from the process is separated into a solid, fibrous fertiliser for use in growing field crops and a liquid fraction, rich in nitrogen, which is pumped into the polytunnel to feed the lettuce crop hydroponically.





This all sounds very environmentally friendly and will no doubt help in a small way towards reducing the greenhouse gas emissions associated with food production. But what I learnt was that less than 1% of the energy captured by the whole process came from the methane 'burped' out by the cattle. The vast majority came from anaerobically digesting the manure and bedding. Most of the electricity generated was needed to run the equipment needed for the shed's controlled environment. It puts into perspective the misconception that burping cows are the main contributors to greenhouse gasses from farming.



In other research at the site, various feed additives are being trialled by measuring their effect on methane production from animals. Seaweed extracts are looking promising, but they need to come from Red Seaweed which only grows in the tropics. Garlic and daffodils also appear to have a favourable effect. Although these approaches can be beneficial, they all come with added cost and consumer acceptability is yet to be tested.

Another research project that I'm involved with at Reading University is seeking to understand more about what characteristics help cattle cope with extreme temperatures. A cow's ideal temperature is somewhere between -7- and 20-degrees C. So, the heatwaves we seem to be experiencing more frequently in recent years pose a particular problem to cows. In times of heat stress they prefer not to be outside, and their milk production and fertility are seriously affected, not to mention the distress they suffer on very hot days.

The study is looking at those animals which are less affected by the heat and recording their behaviours, coping mechanisms and genetics to identify breeding characteristics that can be used to select future generations. In the wild, animals will adapt over many generations, with those more able to cope with changes to their environment, proliferating over those that struggle with change. As our climate rapidly changes, we need to give them a helping hand.



Although agriculture contributes 'only' 10% towards the UK greenhouse gas emissions, compared to transport (28%), energy (23%), business (18%) and

residential (15%), we should still explore ways of reducing emissions from food production to lessen the impact. Even if the outcome proves financially unpalatable. One of these projects seeks to explore the art of the possible in reducing climate change and the other helps us adapt our farming systems to cope with the climate change we are already experiencing.

And finally, I ordered a chicken and an egg from Amazon. I'll let you know... David Ball

Rotas for October 2024

	Sidesperson	Readers	Readings	Kemble Flowers	Poole Keynes Cleaning & Flowers	Somerford Keynes Cleaning & Flowers
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
13th October		SOURCE HARVEST AT THE TAVERN	Job 23.1-9,16,17 Hebrews 4.12-16 Mark 10.17-31	Tessa Tarratt	Di	Flowers: L Ireland Cleaning: Sandy Crofts Alexia Goldman
20th October	Judith Miles	John Tarratt Mark Wilton	Job 38.1-7[34-41] Hebrews 5.1-10 Mark 10.35-45	Lucinda Turner	Di	Flowers: J Woodley Cleaning: Sandy Crofts Alexia Goldman
27th October		UNITED BENEFICE SERVICE	Complicated, please check with Wardens	Lucinda Turner	Di	
3rd November	Martin Kingston	Tim Postlethwaite Martin Whittle	Complicated, please check with Wardens	Pat Ayres	Sue H	P. Broadbent Cleaning: Val Brassington Lynda Isherwood Marcia Timbrell

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Poole Keynes George Collins 770698 Tom Grand
Somerford Keynes David Crofts Sussanne Lock



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

Thank you to all contributors for submitting their articles early for this edition, much appreciated at short notice. Forgot that I'd be on holiday at the end of the month when I set the deadline so apologies if you sent me something after it went to the printers!

If anyone has a bit of spare time and would like to help with putting the magazine together, please email. It doesn't have to be every month, help with one or two editions over the year would be most welcome.

Best wishes, Nicola

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