

PARISH NEWS

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Services for February

07.02.16	Last before Lent	9.30	Kemble	Holy Communion
		9.30	Coates	Holy Communion
		11.00	Poole Keynes	Family Service
		11.00	Somerford Keynes	Morning Prayer
		11.00	Rodmarton	Holy Communion Choir
		11.00	Sapperton	Family Holy Communion
		15.30	Kemble School	Messy Church
10.02.16	Ash Wednesday	19.30	Kemble	Ashing
14.02.16	Lent 1	9.30	Kemble	Family Service
		9.30	Coates	Holy Communion
		9.30	Poole Keynes	Holy Communion
		11.00	Tarlton	Holy Communion
		11.00	Somerford Keynes	Holy Communion
		11.00	Rodmarton	Morning Prayer (BCP)
		11.00	Tarlton	Family Holy Communion
		11.00	Frampton Mansell	Holy Communion
17.02.16	Wednesday	19.45	RAU	Filling Station
21.02.16	Lent 2	9.30	Kemble	Holy Communion [followed by PCC]
		9.30	Coates	Family Service
		9.30	Frampton Mansell	Family Service
		11.00	Poole Keynes	Morning Prayer
		11.00	Somerford Keynes	All Age Service
		11.00	Rodmarton	Holy Communion (BCP)
				11.00
28.02.16	Lent 3	9.30	Kemble	Morning Prayer (CW)
		9.30	Coates	Holy Communion
		9.30	Poole Keynes	Holy Communion
		11.00	Somerford Keynes	Holy Communion
		11.00	Rodmarton	Family Service
		11.00	Frampton Mansell	Holy Communion
		18.00	Kemble	The Source
March				
08.03.16	Mothering Sunday Lent 4	9.30	Kemble	Family Service
		9.30	Coates	Holy Communion
		11.00	Poole Keynes	Family Service
		11.00	Somerford Keynes	Morning Prayer
		11.00	Rodmarton	Holy Communion Choir
		11.00	Sapperton	Family Holy Communion

In addition there is a service of Holy Communion every Wednesday at 10am at Old Pastures, Kemble

Prayers in church are usually said at the following times:			Subscriptions - Just a quick reminder that subscriptions for the year are now due, please. The person who delivers your magazine will be happy to collect your £5.
Mondays	Coates	9.00am	
Tuesdays	Kemble	8.30am	
First Tuesday	Woodstock, Frampton Mansell	11am (Holy Communion)	
Wednesdays	Kemble	10.00am (Holy Communion)	

Churchwardens		
Kemble	Keith Miles 770848	Gill Awdry 771511
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Somerford Keynes	Jan Coleridge 881550	Sandie Crofts 881658

The Source is a modern form of worship to which all are welcome. All musicians, of any age or ability level are invited to join in with playing – the more the merrier.

Next service: 28 February.

Thameshead Benefice Lent Course for 2016

Following the popularity of last years book using the Kings Speech this year our Lent course will use Hilary's new book following the excellent film 'The Theory of Everything'. Everyone is welcome to join one of our small groups on Wednesday evenings at The Rectory or Kemble House 8:00PM. If you can't make that time let Rev.Trev know and we will be very happy to run additional daytime or evening groups. Books are £5.99

Reflections from the Rectory

We British need little encouragement to talk about the weather but it has been a funny winter so far, very warm and wet tending to soggy with barely a frost worth the name. We have autumn and spring flowers out at the same time and I have seen wildlife reports worrying about species that hibernate because they are confused by the weather but the right food is not available. Perhaps such things don't matter much to us with our global economy but I can't help feeling there will be a price to pay somehow for all this.

It is the same with politics isn't it. The German decision to open the borders to refugees for understandable reasons is having repercussions across Europe. The political fanfare of presidential hopefuls in the USA is being led by Mr Trump who seems to be anti almost everyone who doesn't think just like him and yet the polls suggest he might win the Republican nomination and maybe the Presidency. God help us! Whilst the USA lurches to the right over here the Labour party have certainly leapt to the left and the recession seems to have led to a similar polarisation in much of Europe as the South struggles with economic recession and the North with immigration. I can't help feeling there will be a price to pay in the world for all of this.

I also can't help feeling that it mostly stems from the same source. Industrialisation has led to humanity treating the world as something to consume rather than nurture and tend as we would a garden and which was God's instruction to Adam and Eve at the beginning of humanities reign. Global warming is a consequence of a world industrialisation that was either ignorant or careless of the consequences. Changes in weather patterns have led to erratic weather across the globe with some places (usually in the undeveloped nations) suffering droughts and floods adding to political havoc and displacing populations as they seek to escape from the hopeless economic deprivation around them. In some developed countries of course there is a need to hold on to what they gained economically and politically as a result of industrialisation. Building a wall against Mexico (and expecting them to pay for it) is 'get of my land' NIMBYism on a national scale.

How are these two things the same? Essentially economic migration is about someone else having something you want, at its very lowest level, survival. Self interest is the driving force. Protectionism as put forward by Mr Trump is about a refusal to share something you have control of except by your rules which will always ensure your dominance. This too is self interest.

When Jesus died on the cross it was not about self interest it was about sacrificial love, true love seeks the good of the beloved. These days being religious is often seen as suspicious or irrelevant but the lightest observance of human nature reveals a deeply selfish heart, the space between Incarnation (Christmas) and self-sacrifice and resurrection (Easter) is a good time to reflect on the meaning of life and what is really important to us, what we truly hope for. Jesus said we need to love all others as we love ourselves, the world is clearly not very good at doing that.

With love and prayers
Trevor Kemp
Rector

Farewell to Bishop Martyn

Bishop Martyn will be leaving us in March to become the next Bishop of Leicester. We want to give him and the family a really good send off as we express our deep thanks for his leadership and ministry in this diocese. Therefore everyone is invited to the Cathedral on Saturday 12th March at 4.30pm for a service of Holy Communion at which Bishop Martyn will preside and preach. There will be light refreshments after the service and an opportunity for some personal goodbyes.

Please ensure that the date and time of this service get into people's diaries so that we can mark a good ending of Bishop Martyn's chapter in Gloucester, and pray for him and the family as they prepare for a new chapter in Leicester.

We would like to give +Martyn a farewell gift and if you would like to contribute to that you are very welcome to do so. Cheques should be made out to the Gloucester Diocesan Board of Finance and sent to The Bishop's Office, 2 College Green, Gloucester, GL1 2LR, with the envelope marked "Farewell to Bishop Martyn".



Kemble Rural Cinema

Monday February 15th 7.30pm for 8.00pm start
Tickets £3.50

“See it First Prior to DVD/Digital Release”

‘Suffragette’

12A | 106 min | Biography, Drama, History |

The foot soldiers of the early feminist movement, women who were forced underground to pursue a dangerous game of cat and mouse with an increasingly brutal State.

Director: Sarah Gavron
Writer: Abi Morgan
Stars: Carey Mulligan, Anne-Marie Duff, Helena Bonham Carter

KEMBLE VILLAGE HALL
(Registered Charity No: 1038684)
School Road, Kemble, Gloucestershire

Kemble, Ewen and Kemble Wick

200 Club

SUPPORTING YOUR VILLAGE HALL

Kemble Village Hall Committee will be distributing renewal letters for the 200 Club 2016 to existing members. For those of you not aware of the scheme, the 200 Club supports the maintenance and upkeep of Kemble Village Hall. For an annual payment of £10 you will be entered into a monthly draw with a prize of £50. Last year around 125 tickets were sold, with £600 paid out in prizes and £650 directly supporting the hall. In 2015, this money helped to resurface the floor, buy a new fridge and install bookshelves.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated. If you would like more information or to join the club, please contact the Treasurer, Jean Whitehead on 770769

Calling all Talent

‘Raise The Roof’

Kemble Talent Evening

Friday 13th May at 7pm in the Village Hall

Please practise and / or encourage others to take part in the fun—just 3 or 4 minutes to show everybody what you can do

To book your slot via

 Kemblevh@gmail.com

 [Kemble-VH](https://www.facebook.com/Kemble-VH)

THE BIG BREAKFAST

Saturday February 6th

KEMBLE VILLAGE HALL

8.00 – 10.30am
All welcome

Come along and enjoy bacon rolls, croissant, pain chocolate, pancake, muffins tea, coffee, juice

Thank You

A big thank you to all who re-cycled their Christmas cards, for the Colbalt unit in Cheltenham.

When I made the delivery to Cheltenham, I witnessed many volunteers sorting and sizing the various card fronts ready to be remade into new cards! I hope this will answer the question of what do "they" do with them! Also any off-cuts and pieces not used are recycled and money paid to the Colbalt centre, so nothing is wasted.

Last year a total of £35,000. was raised by volunteers. So spread the word for Christmas 2016.

Thanks again.

Anna Cook

Kemble Village Hall

Did you know Kemble Village Hall is the perfect social venue for the local community? It is available to hire for all kinds of functions, is affordable and convenient. Birthdays, Christenings, larger family gatherings, fitness, clubs etc. The commercial dishwasher is proving its worth and makes light of the washing up!

Please visit our link on the village website for more information also a ‘Calendar of Events’ is on the website, so you can see when the hall is free : www.kemble.co.uk

Cirencester Eating disorder self help support group(2003)

The local team will be on hand for the monthly meeting to be held on Wednesday 3rd February which takes place in St Peters Lounge, St. Peters Court, St. Peters Road, Cirencester 7.30-9pm. Please feel free to call me for a chat anytime if answer-phone kicks in I will ring you back at my earliest convenience.

An invitation to all

With the national eating disorders awareness week in February the speaker at Kemble and Ewen W. I. on Tuesday the 16th February at 2pm in Kemble village hall is Joanne Croxford president of the Cambridge Blue Belles W. I. in Cambridge. Joanne is a dedicated NHS worker, a green-thumbed goddess and a recovering drug addict. She was a binge eater/over eater. She has tattoos. Come and hear how she turned her life around. Joanne was in the W. I. tea tent in Glastonbury last year serving tea and homemade cake to hungry revellers. Further details about the group in confidence from Pat 01285 770385. Also if you intend coming on the 16th to hear Joanne please let Pat know for catering purposes, thank you.

**Save
the
Date**



Kemble Church Fete is taking place on
Saturday 11th June
More information will follow in due
course.

**Keep up to date on
www.kemble.co.uk and Like us on
Facebook!"**

A Thank You

The family would like to thank all those who donated to collection at Mrs Bet Napper's funeral. The collection for Cancer Research UK raised the sum of £256. A letter of thanks to the family was received.
Pat Ayres

Little Fishes

Little Fishes meet Monday afternoons 2:00-4:00pm in term time. Open to all pre-school children and their carers. This is a good opportunity for fellowship and time to be supported and 'mothered' by the group of volunteers that run Little Fishes. It is a real time of joy and refreshment.

Contact Pat Ferris on 770756.

**Kemble and District Royal British Legion
Women's Section**

Sadly I have to report on the passing of two loyal and dedicated members who supported the branch over many, many years namely Mrs Beatrice (Bet) Napper and Mrs Pamela Stewart. These two ladies were neighbours in Windmill Road Kemble for many years before Pam and husband moved to the OAP bungalows in Abbotts Way. They remained dear friends and it was poignant that they died within a few weeks of one another. Bet aged 98years and Pam 83years. The one most important asset to any voluntary group or organization is to have someone to be in charge of the teapot and both Bet and Pam could be found the village hall kitchen in the years gone by. Both attended church in the past and all the activities associated with the church, Fetes, Young wives and Mother's Union. Bet's trademark ginger cakes were the best ever. Even though Bet was heading for the century her memory was still bright and informative about old Kemble. I loved listening to her memories of times past. In their funeral services the hymn 'The lord is my shepherd' was included which ends with 'and in God's house for evermore my dwelling-place shall be' – may they rest in peace but live on through the lips of the living.

On Thursday the 25th February in Kemble Village Hall at 2.30pm our speaker for our meeting will be **Angie Abingdon a T. V. extra**. Come along and hear what Angie has to say. She travels around the country from Kemble appearing in all sorts of TV productions. Membership for the year costs just £8. 50p. Delicious refreshments served at our meetings. Visitors welcome for a small donation.

Pat Ayres Hon Sec. 770385.

Filling Station

An opportunity to fill up with all the refreshment that God gives. This is an informal and friendly gathering of worship, prayer, fellowship and teaching. Next Meeting Wednesday 17 February when the speaker will be Ann Absalom. To find out more visit: www.thefillingstation.org.uk

Clean for the Queen - 4-6 March 2016

Clean for the Queen is a campaign launched by Country Life to clean up Britain in time for Her Majesty The Queen's 90th birthday on 21 April 2016. The initiative intends to mobilise an army of volunteers across the country to clean up their local areas. This has the full backing of Keep Britain Tidy and the support of a number of well known national organisations. To take part in Clean for The Queen, please do register via:

www.cleanforthequeen.co.uk

We all have a role to play and it never ceases to astound me the litter that I clear up, which has regretfully been tossed out of the windows of passing vehicles. It is shameful act to litter our countryside and is not the hallmark of a civilised society.

These statistics about how long it takes for litter to biodegrade, give a clear case why litter should be taken home (which appears such a simple act) and recycled or placed in the waste bin compared to the cost and damage caused by those who decide to toss it out the window of their vehicle:

Orange peel - 2 years
Cigarette butts - up to 12 years
Plastic bottles - up to 450 years
Glass - not biodegradable.

Let's make a difference and show that we care in The Thames Head Benefice and join the campaign and clean up around us. There are several people in Kemble who already play their part in clearance of litter and the more of us that get involved so much the better.

Thomas Barrow

Farming Matters

Once again the weather seems to have dominated the farming calendar over the last few months. We experienced an unusually mild start to the winter with a mean temperature for December of 7.9 degrees, 4.1 degrees above the long term average and the warmest December since 1910. These mild conditions have triggered unseasonal flowering of some plants. Daffodils were seen in flower before Christmas and in some parts oilseed rape crops have already flowered.

It's nice to see some colour but what will this mean for the crops? Oilseed rape will normally produce its tiny black seeds in the summer following flowering in April. If it flowers in December, will there be effective fertilisation and will the seed pods survive the winter? Will it flower again in April? Farmers will have to wait and see.

Unprecedented levels of crop diseases are being seen as they thrive in the warm, wet conditions. Yellow Rust, Septoria and Mildew on wheat and a variety of fungal diseases on oilseed rape are normally kept in check by spells of frosty weather. Crop protection fungicides can be applied but with saturated fields farmers are unable to get to the crops to protect them.

We have also seen extremely wet weather over recent months. Rainfall in the north has been up to 4 times the average resulting in severe and sudden flooding, not only in rural areas but in towns and villages also. These are different circumstances to the Somerset floods we saw 2 years ago. In Somerset water levels rose gradually and stayed high for several weeks, devastating the wildlife in that area. In Cumbria, Yorkshire and latterly Scotland, rivers rose very rapidly and receded equally rapidly. This left no time to rescue livestock and there have been reports of sheep, cattle and forage supplies being washed away by swollen rivers. The charity Forage Aid, which was set up in the wake of the heavy snows in the north 3 years ago, has been active again this year directing vital supplies, donated by other farmers, to where they are needed.

The Environment Agency has received a lot of criticism for not providing adequate flood defences for the homes and businesses affected. But with a record-breaking 341mm of rain falling on Cumbria in 24 hours, rivers were just not able to cope. So how should we prepare ourselves for future extreme weather events?

The EA is governed by the EU Water Framework Directive which talks about 'protecting and improving the water environment'. The EA interprets this as protecting wildlife habitats along water courses, hence the reluctance to dredge rivers not only of silt deposits but vegetation and fallen trees etc. River capacity is therefore restricted. But it's not as simple as just dredging rivers. Yes, in Somerset, rivers can be improved to carry more water, more quickly and deposit it into the sea. This has now been done very effectively. In other parts where rivers wind through towns and villages and under bridges and culverts, increasing the capacity upstream will only bring the water more quickly to a pinch point which cannot be enlarged. A different answer is needed. Hold the water back in designated areas of land, which are allowed to flood, where minimal damage is done and flow downstream can be controlled.

In a recent survey over half the farmers questioned said they would be willing to take part in a scheme which managed this. Progress, we hope.

Met Office forecasters say that 2016 looks set to be at least as warm as 2015. Their forecast takes into account the impact of global warming which is being exacerbated by the effect of the El Nino phenomenon from the unusually warm waters of the Pacific. Although they expect 2014, 15 and 16 to be among the warmest on record, this record breaking run is not set to continue indefinitely.

I'm sure next month will see a more upbeat piece from me, Happy New Year!

David Ball

Parish Council Notebook

Trust you are holding firm on those New Year Resolutions. Here's a suggestion for another; an opportunity to turn a negative into a positive.

The negative is litter. Attention has been drawn to a disappointing decline in standards around our villages. Unfortunately this would seem to echo a national trend to the point where one of the proposed initiatives, covered elsewhere in this magazine, is to celebrate the Queen's upcoming 90th birthday with a campaign entitled "Clean for the Queen". Rather a sad reflection of attitudes amongst a proportion of HM's subjects you might think, but however. The positive is getting residents together, forming a team, to take "collective" action to overcome the issue. The theory is that cleanliness begets more cleanliness so that ultimately the problem, firstly the litter and then the irresponsible attitude that creates it, will disappear. Experienced campaigners Sue Hill and Tom Barrow are ready at the starting gate fully supported by Carol Dougill who will also engage the school pupils in the action, developing the pupils' appreciation of community responsibility in the process. Hope you will feel motivated to add this to your resolutions and will also join the team.

Watching Tim Peake talking on the news about his forthcoming spacewalk to carry out repairs to the International Space Station thoughts turned to the wonders of man's vision, adventurousness and ingenuity, the imagination, ambition and drive, the capability of creating and sustaining a tiny habitable environment out in the infinity of space. It is truly impressive, absolutely astonishing. A moment of quiet reflection seems appropriate at this point. How can it be that the human race is able to achieve such spectacular wonders but take best part of a year to make half a job of trimming back the trees at horrendous, the junction of the A429 and the A433. Something of a conundrum to say the least. Perhaps an enquiry to our old friend John Chilcot, acknowledged expert in matters of procrastination, would provide an explanation, provided that, of course, you are not in any hurry.

In the event, Tim's spacewalk was brought to a slightly premature close because of concerns about water in his colleague's helmet. This will be an experience wholly familiar to users of School Road where water has also proved troublesome for some time. The formation of an infant lake outside the school car park, while an interesting natural phenomenon, has presented a nuisance and potential hazard for many months. Visits by the Highways contractors failed to resolve matters but fortunately Cllr David Ball, armed with drain rods and quantities of elbow grease proved capable of succeeding where others had fallen short of the mark.

Prospects still look good for the new station car park. Shortly after Christmas, Last Great Western, fully living down to expectations, tabled revised proposals to the CDC too late for either the January or February Planning Meetings. However thanks to cooperation from Arkells Brewery who chipped in an additional strip of land, the one way system is no longer a feature and the scheme generally looks much improved, just needing a few final nips and tucks. So forward we go to the March planning meeting for that critical decision.

Gloucestershire County Council has let us know that it is a participant in what is known as The Big Community Switch. This is a scheme designed to help consumers to save money on their energy bills, generally electricity and gas but of course, only electricity in our case. Interested residents may register with the Council who will then seek quotations from the energy companies in a competitive auction. The best price is then made available to participants. The more participants, the lower the price is likely to be. Registration does not carry any obligation to actually change supplier but previous auctions have produced average annual savings in the region of £200. The current auction ends on 1st February and you can register on line at Gloucestershire.gov.uk/bigcommunityswitch or telephone 01452 42 57 57.

On the matter of value for money the Parish Council has just set its budget for the next financial year. It is unchanged from last year, in fact from several years past so no inflationary effect from us.

After several months of silence the development proposals for the airfield have resurfaced with a request from the proposers for a meeting in the near future. Will keep you posted should anything significant emerge from this. Meanwhile you will probably have seen that, lacking the patience to await finalisation of the CDC Local Plan, proposals for the controversial Chesterton development have now been formally lodged with CDC. Should you have any views on this scheme which you wish to pursue, just a reminder that you are fully entitled to make these known to the Planning Authority either on their website or by letter.

Good news for our resident Alan Mcquillin (Mac) whose Legion d'Honneur, the French premier medal, awarded in this case for selfless acts of heroism in the campaigns to liberate France in 1944, has finally arrived. The medal will soon be formally presented and meanwhile many congratulations to Mac on this very special award.

Roger Pettit





Forthcoming Dates for Kemble & Ewen Parish Council Meetings in 2016

Meetings normally start at 7.30pm in Kemble Village Hall. Public welcome.

All dates are FRIDAY

- 12 February
- 18 March
- 22 April
- 6 May – **Annual Public Parish Meeting for all residents**
- 27 May (Annual Meeting of Council)
- 24 June
- 22 July
- No meeting in August
- 9 September
- 14 October
- 25 November

Operation Christmas Child 2015

The central collectors at Mitsubishi, The Colt Car Company Ltd in Cirencester have asked me to pass on to you the following message:

A very big thank you to everyone who supported Operation Christmas Child 2015 by donating empty shoe boxes, Christmas wrapping paper and items to enable us to fill the shoeboxes - as well as to those of you who donated already filled and wrapped boxes!

Once again, 120 Christmas wrapped shoeboxes, 60 for girls and 60 for boys all aged between 2 and 14, were filled with gifts such as hats, gloves, scarves, stationery, soft toys, dolls, hairbands and jewellery or cars for the boys. Also included in each box where possible were toiletries and, most importantly, a packet of sweets. This year, a box of baby toys was also organised for babies too young for a shoebox.

The boxes were collected and taken to their final destination, including the Ukraine and Belarus where they were delivered before Christmas to children in hospitals, orphanages and schools as well as to children who live on the streets.

Each year, Operation Christmas Child 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; thank you for helping to bring a smile to their faces.

We are already starting again to collect shoeboxes, paper and gifts for Operation Child 2016, and would be delighted to receive any donations you may have; also, transportation costs £3 per box so if you would like to sponsor a box to help cover the costs it would be very much appreciated.

On behalf the central collectors I would be pleased to collect or take delivery throughout the year of any suitable gifts, Christmas wrapping paper, boxes or donations towards transport.

If you are interested to know more about Operation Christmas Child, do take a look at the website www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk.

Thank you

Jane Russell, Bank House, Kemble (770340)

FRIDAY CLUB

Poole Keynes Village Hall

Friday 5th February 2016

A Walk In The Woods

Cert R Genre Adventure/Comedy Run Time 104 mins

Starring Robert Redford Nick Nolte and Emma Thompson

Lauded travel writer Bill Bryson (Robert Redford) returns to America after decades abroad with the intention of retiring. However, he's drawn in by the lure of the Appalachian Trail, which he challenges himself to hike the entirety of. He's joined on his journey by a long lost friend, habitual criminal and line-stepper Katz (Nick Nolte), and the two embark on an unforgettable and challenging adventure. ~

Doors open at 7.30 pm for refreshments of wine, beer and soft drinks as well as tea, coffee and snacks and the film starts at 8pm. If any members wish to bring a guest then the entrance charge will be £3.50 per person

Seating is limited so please call Judith on 01285 770301 to book

Forthcoming films:-

We will be screening a French Film "Samba" in March with "Suffragette" and "Spectre" in April



Poole Keynes Parish News Subscription Reminder

The subscription for the Parish News for 2016 is now due. If you would like to continue to receive the Parish news the charge of a years subscription is staying at £5 which covers the price of 10 issues so the equivalent of 50 pence per month.

As I have very little spare time because of my situation with caring for Richard I would be very grateful if you could put either cash or a cheque made payable to "Thameshead Parishes" into an envelope with your name on and pop it into the green letter box at South Barn, Poole Keynes.

Many thanks

Judith Hiscock

CAROL SINGING

Thank you to all who supported our carol singing around the village on Monday 21st December. Whether you braved the weather, invited us in to share a welcome seasonal tippie or gave so generously when the children knocked on your door. Not only did you help make it an enjoyable evening for us but together we raised **£205.42** for Macmillan Nurses in memory of Eileen Hicks.



Thank you all

Presents

Richard Navarro

Saturday 27th February 2016 7.30pm

Oaksey Village Hall



Virtuosic violin, swirling a cappella singing, bouncing bass lines and unforgettable melodies - this is music that will move the feet and enrich the soul.

Performing with double bassist Nicholas Thurston, Richard Navarro's astounding vocals and song writing combine with incredible live mixing of violin, piano, trumpet and percussion in a show that will appeal to all age groups.

Tickets Adults £8 Children under 16 £5 available now from Oaksey shop or email jmargaret.dakin@btinternet.com

Poole Keynes News and Events

Welcome

To Sarah and Bill Powell who recently moved to Church View, Poole Keynes

Save The Date

"Race Night" Friday 11th March 7.30 pm Poole Keynes Village Hall more info next month

An open meeting to be held on 11th February at the Village Hall to discuss **Summer Fete**, initial plan and options

Family Beetle Drive: Saturday 20th February at 6.30pm at the Village Hall

The gentle GIANT of classical guitar Keith Hyett, will be spreading some of his musical magic at Poole Keynes Village Hall on Friday 13th May at 7.30pm, tickets are £6.00 on the door or to reserve email keith.hyett@btinternet.com.

Somerford Keynes News and Events

Thank You

Back on November 21st 2015 Somerford Keynes held their Christmas Fair. Please can we extend our thanks to everyone who had a stall, those who helped out and to all those lovely people that supported the event. We managed to raise £453.00 for the Church and in addition to that Jan Coleridge and Ellen Button took the crafts, preserves and pickles to the fair at Rodmarton and raised a further £70.00.

Thank you for your generosity.

Somerford Keynes PCC Committee

North Wilt's Villages Flower Club

A happy New Year to all of our readers and what a busy and exciting year we have to look forward to in the Club during 2016

December meeting

This meeting took the form of a Christmas workshop, where members worked on their own designs. Many delightful seasonal arrangements were created. The evening ended with a seasonal supper.

Future meetings

February 17th will see members heading for the Cricklade House Hotel for our annual members dinner.

On March 16th we will be holding an imposed workshop. Everyone taking part in the workshop will be provided with all the materials they need to create their arrangement. The resulting arrangements will be judged by those attending the evening. The results will be used as part three of our annual competition.

On April 20th Margaret Murray from Bradford on Avon flower club, will call her demonstration Inspirations.

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Flower club meetings take place at Crudwell Village Hall SN16 9HB on the third Wednesday of the month, seven for seven thirty. If you enjoy flowers come and join us, visitors and new members are always welcome. For more information please contact Margaret on 01285 770 639

**Rotas for February 2016**

|             | Kemble                               | Readers                            | Readings                                                                                                                                       | Somerford Keynes | Readers                               |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 7 February  | Marion Gilliland<br>* Tom Barrow     | David Rimmer<br>Mark Wilton        | Exodus 34.29-end<br>2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2<br>Luke 9.28-36[37-43a]                                                                             | Ellen Button     | Isobel Shearer<br>Graham Shearn       |
| 10 February |                                      | Benefice Service at Kemble         |                                                                                                                                                |                  |                                       |
| 14 February | Alan Willis                          | Family Service                     | Deuteronomy 26.1-11<br>Romans 10.8b-13<br>Luke 4.1-13                                                                                          | Margaret Munroe  | Ron Munroe<br>Jan Coleridge           |
| 21 February | Jill/Martin Kingston<br>* Colin Rank | Pauline Ayres<br>Kelsie Hall       | Genesis 15.1-12,17-18<br>Philippians 3.17-4.1<br>Luke 13.31-35 or<br>Luke 9.28-36                                                              | Elaine Stewart   | Ronwynne Dunn<br>Peter Watkins        |
| 28 February | Penny Wheeler                        | Alan & Anne Willis                 | Isaiah 55.1-9<br>1 Corinthians 10.1-13<br>Luke 13.1-9                                                                                          | Judy Monger      | David Crofts<br>Aideen McEvoy-Wilding |
| 6 March     | Judith Miles<br>* Marion Gilliland   | Mothering Sunday<br>Family Service | Either Exodus 2.1-10 or<br>1 Samuel 1.20-28<br>Either 2 Corinthians 1.3-7 or<br>Colossians 3.12-17<br>Either Luke 2.33-35 or<br>John 19.25b-27 | Marcia Timbrell  | Mary Harris<br>Ron Munroe             |

| Kemble      | Cleaning                      | Flowers           | Altar Linen   |
|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 6 February  | Celia Moule & Alison Waldron  | Penny Wheeler     | Janice Austin |
| 13 February | Penny Wheeler & Binnie Rank   | Lent – no flowers |               |
| 20 February | Juliette Jago & Sarah Powell  |                   |               |
| 27 February | Cadie Aspray & Anna Pemberton |                   |               |
| 5 March     | Marion Gilliland & Sue Hill   |                   | Anne Willis   |

| Poole Keynes | Cleaning | Flowers | Somerford Keynes | Cleaning                                       | Flowers           |
|--------------|----------|---------|------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| February     | Sue H    | Sue H   | 7 February       | Victoria Calvert                               | Mrs J Swaffer     |
| March        | All      |         | 14 February      | Vicky Hughes                                   | Lent – no flowers |
|              |          |         | 21 February      |                                                |                   |
|              |          |         | 28 February      |                                                |                   |
|              |          |         | 6 March          | Jan Coleridge<br>Jackie Gough<br>Josie Woodley |                   |

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An afternoon of fun linked to Mothering Sunday

# Family Farm Club

Craft

Treasure Hunt

Pony Rides

Mini BBQ

Making Posies

**@ Riding for the Disabled Coates**  
**Saturday 5th March 2016**  
**2-4pm**  
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Thanks to all your readers for the amazingly generous response to the church appeal for toys and gift for the women of the Gloucestershire Domestic Abuse Service. We were overwhelmed by your kindness. Many donors were completely anonymous, but I would like to put on record our gratitude to Elsey and Elsey, Dental Clinic, South Cerney; to Boots in Cricklade Street; and to Salon Seven in the Wool Market. A happy New Year to you all.

Judith Miles

## Time Out

The Time Out Bible discussion group for mothers of school age children in the benefice meets a couple of times each month at 10am on a Thursday. For more details please contact Julie on 770123 or email julieallen47@btinternet.com or juliepaulmorton@onetel.com

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