

PARISH NEWS

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Kemble and Ewen Safari Supper

Saturday 15th November 2025



Three courses, Three locations, One Safari Supper

When: Saturday 15th November 2025
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

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

To book your place, or for further information,
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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 is 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.

October services				
05.10.25	Trinity 16	10.00	Coates	Animal blessing service
		10.00	Kemble	Harvest Holy Communion (streamed)
		10.00	Poole Keynes	Morning Prayer
		11.00	Sapperton	Holy Communion
		11.00	Rodmarton	Harvest Holy Communion and lunch
		11.00	Somerford Keynes	Morning Prayer
12.10.25	Trinity 17	10.00	Kemble	Benefice Holy Communion (streamed)
		10.00	Poole Keynes	Harvest Service
		11.00	Rodmarton	Morning Prayer
19.10.25	Trinity 18	09.30	Coates	Morning Prayer
		10.00	Kemble	Morning Source – all age (streamed)
		10.00	Poole Keynes	Holy Communion
		11.00	Frampton Mansell	Morning Prayer
		11.00	Rodmarton	Morning Prayer
		11.00	Somerford Keynes	Morning Prayer
26.10.25	Bible Sunday	08.00	Tarlton	Holy Communion BCP
		10.00	Rodmarton	Combined Benefice Service
November services				
02.11.25	4 before Advent All Saints	10.00	Kemble	Morning Prayer (streamed)
		10.00	Poole Keynes	Morning Prayer
		11.00	Frampton Mansell	Morning Prayer
		11.00	Rodmarton	All Saints Holy Communion
		11.00	Somerford Keynes	Morning Prayer
		15.00	Coates	All Saints and All Souls Service

Is there a spiritual revival going on among our young people?

A leading Roman Catholic professor of Pastoral Theology at the University of Vienna thinks that this may well be so. For the Revd Paul Zulehner says that while Church is still losing young people, it is also gaining them.

“We’re clearly witnessing a protest against mainstream secularisation, as groups of youngsters yearn for re-spiritualisation or re-enchantment. Many are looking for meaning beyond material success, when such perceptions have become enfeebled in our pluralistic societies.”

Professor Zulehner was speaking to the *Church Times* after the recent Roman Catholic Church’s *Jubilee of Youth*, which attracted a million-strong gathering in Rome, led by Pope Leo XIV.

Meanwhile, in Britain, Youth for Christ, an international evangelical youth ministry, has reported that weekly church attendance by young people had doubled from four to eight percent in five years. YFC said that half of young people were now declaring a belief in God, and 96 per cent express an openness to “supernatural experience”.

The report also said that the number of younger people claiming to pray regularly had also increased sharply, although it is still small. 65 per cent said that they now viewed churches “positively”, compared with just eight per cent in 2020 — defying “every prediction about declining religious engagement”.

Professor Zulehner added that while many young people are sceptical about institutional Churches, they have found a “medium and language” through social media for sharing their religious interests.

He told Church Times: “Gospel influences are at work through Instagram, TikTok, and the networks today’s youngsters rely on, which may ultimately prove as important in finding followers for Christ as the Church’s leaders and traditions.”

Reader Ramblings from Karen

Dear friends

Hearing of the sad death of our dear friend David caused me to think about loss.

A huge gift we have from God is the ability to love and be loved, but alongside that we have the reciprocal feeling of pain and loss. When we lose love, it hurts.

God gave us the earth and has seen us make a mess of so many things, in spite of his love, guidance and sacrifice, but he wants to help us put things right. He is promising that all will be made new.

God has shown us that this is possible, by the resurrection of his Son and the renewal of his body at Easter. All will be made new – not simply repaired or tidied up a little, but rather completely refreshed and better.

God will wipe away every tear – we are sad when we have lost someone dear to us, but we shall meet again. And we can help to bring that time closer by preparing ourselves and our world. We can feel grief but also hope, and we can seek to make the world a better place – not just the big things, like no more war, no more poverty, though I'm not suggesting we shouldn't do all we can for those, but remember the little things – remember how we as individuals can help those around us. We each know that receiving a simple smile or act of kindness can make us feel better: we can give that gift to others. And we can comfort those who grieve, as God comforts us.

When we think of death, we often think of heaven. From this promise of the future, we hear that, one day, heaven will be here on earth. I want to suggest that heaven is already here on earth, and all around us, in that God is among us in the form of the Holy Spirit, but we don't always fully appreciate it. Perhaps we have all experienced a taste of heaven, the better to help us try to bring more heaven to earth now: God will appreciate our efforts.

People haven't died to God, but are with him in heaven. We shall all die but there is a place for us where all wrongs will be made right.

We are encouraged, guided, cajoled and led, as we are helped in our navigation towards eternal life. This is the promise we have received from Jesus – and he doesn't break his promises. I invite you to think about that, think about loss suffered and grief endured, but also about gratitude, love and the hope that we are given, that there will be a new heaven and a new earth: we shall meet again. Life has changed but it has not ended.

We can share in hope. Our all-knowing and all-powerful God will one day live among us. 'He will wipe away every tear. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more'.

May the peace and hope which we are promised in the new world to come rest in our hearts.

Amen

David Robert Ernest Austin

20 March 1947 – 9 September 2025

It was a great sadness to learn that David died in hospital on 9 September.

Our hearts and prayers go out to Angie and their children and grandchildren.

David and Angie have lived in Somerford Keynes for many years, keeping their home there even when they lived in the old Kemble Vicarage, when David was Associate Priest for the Benefice.

David's wide-ranging experience gave him a unique perspective for that role. He had been an officer in the Metropolitan Police and a hospital chaplain before being ordained into the Anglican church. David faithfully served the parishes of the Thameshead Benefice for years and still held the Bishop's permission to officiate. He was also Chair of the Somerford Keynes Village Charity.

In summing up David's approach in a single phrase, he cared. He cared for Angie and his family. He cared for all God's people, visiting the sick and teaching the Gospel to everyone who would listen - and a few who wouldn't. He had asked Martin Kingston to preach at his funeral because he knew Martin would speak from the Gospel.

The packed church for David's funeral on 26 September barely acknowledges the huge hole he has left in so many lives. It was a great privilege and inspiration to know David and there will be an opportunity to give thanks for his life, and all he meant to us, in a service at Cirencester Baptist Church on Sunday 12 October at 2pm.

View from my window. October 2025

As I write, the weather doesn't seem to know how to behave. One minute the sun is out, next the rain is coming down in sheets. Who wants to go out on a day like this?! I had no choice. Just grey when I left home, then rain, then sunshine, more rain. By the time I parked, the rain was over and the sun was out. I parked with my 'nose' pointing at a hedge. The rain had washed the leaves and they were sparkling in the sun with the stray diamond-like drops of rain enhancing them. Driving home there was a wonderful rainbow arc in the sky. Yesterday evening, coming home from a meeting, a beautiful young stag crossed the road in front of me. The day before I saw a fox. What an amazing world!

Many years ago, before we moved south, I recall attending a Harvest Festival evensong. I was sitting very close to a vase of flowers, one of which held my attention. It was a dahlia, maybe six centimetres across. It was white with crimson edges to the petals. I cannot remember anything about the service, but that flower can still fill my heart with the wonders of creation.

Life can be difficult for all of us at times; we can feel nothing is going right; we feel we cannot do right for doing wrong

I don't know what your solution is but mine is to absorb the world around me. When we had the dogs there was a particular large stone, surrounded on three sides by bushes. That is where I went to calm down and feel closer to God. Now, not having dog companions any more, I will sit by the window and gaze out and absorb all I see.

Nature is a great healer. It works for me, maybe/hopefully it will work for you.

Love and blessings

Pepita

Revd Pepita Walker



A life of prayer: The diocesan prayer companion

The diocesan prayer calendar has been relaunched this autumn under the new name, the Diocesan Prayer Companion. This prayer scheme aims to support people in praying for the people, places and projects of this diocese and beyond.

Each Sunday contains a collect and a prayer focus for the week to come, looking at different areas of the Life vision. There are daily prayer prompts to encourage prayer for benefices, schools, the diocese and beyond, uploaded quarterly to the diocesan website.

Prayer is integral to our relationship with God and our growing in faith as followers of Christ.

Bishop Rachel said: "If we want a relationship with someone to deepen and grow, we need to spend time with that person. It can be no surprise that the same is true between us and God."



You can download the Prayer Companion from <https://gloucester.anglican.org/living-faith/your-prayer/calendar-of-intercessions/>

If you'd like to try praying, or reignite your prayer life visit <https://gloucester.anglican.org/living-faith/your-prayer/> for more resources and support.

Why not join the **Thameshead Prayer Diary**?

There are a few copies of the diary in each church each month, but the easiest way to join prayer with and for our community is to join the WhatsApp group. If you would like to have a prayer sent to you each morning, please contact Liz on 07774 104990



Poole Keynes Film Club

Friday 3rd October

2pm and 8pm

Poole Keynes

Village Hall

Genre Biography/ Music/ Drama
Cert 15 **Runtime** 2hrs 21

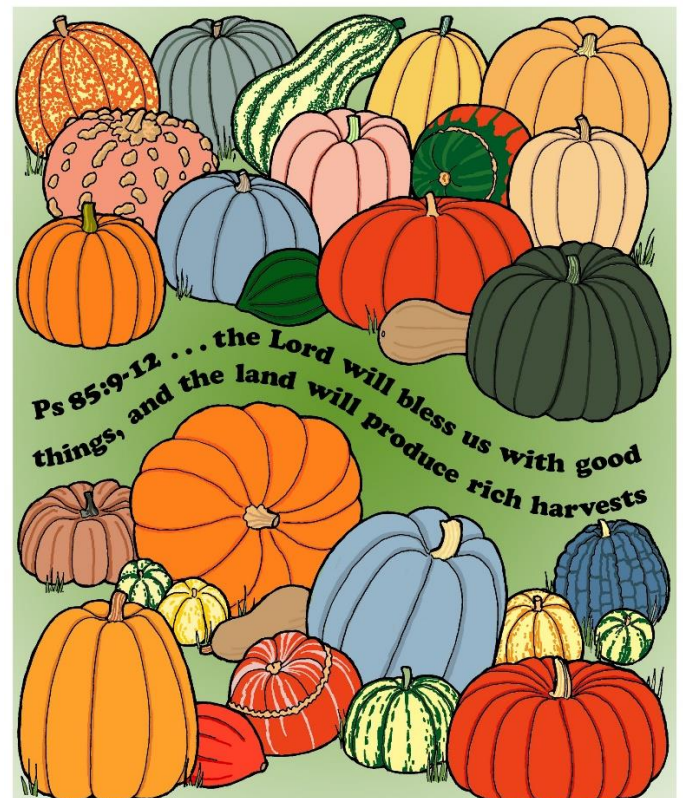
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Starring Timothee Chalamet, Edward Norton and Elle Fanning

New York, 1961. Against the backdrop of a vibrant music scene and tumultuous cultural upheaval, an enigmatic 19-year-old from Minnesota arrives with his guitar and revolutionary talent, destined to change the course of American music. He forges intimate relationships with music icons of Greenwich Village on his meteoric rise, culminating in a groundbreaking and controversial performance that reverberates worldwide. Timothée Chalamet stars and sings as Bob Dylan in the true story behind the rise of one of the most iconic singer-songwriters in history.

If you would like to join us as a guest for this film the cost is £4 per person

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



Somerford Keynes

Sadly, the only news received from Somerford Keynes this month was of the death of David Austin.

Our hearts go out to all his neighbours and friends as you mourn your loss and care for Angie in your midst.

There is sure to be much else going on in this lovely and vibrant village, but here are some gems from nearby:

North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

Hi there again, this is Cathy Carroll writing on behalf of North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club. In September we had our AGM followed by an excellent talk from Andrew Tolman on unusual gardens he has visited. It is called "Off the Beaten Track". Then in October, because Sally Taylor is unwell, we have Jayne Morriss to demonstrate for us. Her talk is on "This and That". Jayne has offered to help at Malmesbury Abbey. What a great job she is doing there.

We are folk who love flowers and while some are expert, many are not so please feel free to join us. There is plenty of parking and free tea/coffee and cake at the evenings end. Remember your first visit to the group is free.

On November 19th we have our Open Evening with Katherine Kear (National Demonstrator). These evenings are usually very well attended and good fun beginning with bubbly and canapes and lots else besides including a chocolate tombola and a raffle for Katherine's arrangements. Do put the date in your diary.



Wiltshire Wildlife Trust

Chalkland Revival, a significant collaborative project led by Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, has been awarded a grant of £152,028 from the North Wessex Downs National Landscape's Farming in a Protected Landscape programme. This project brings together a range of partners in a concerted effort to restore nature and support sustainable farming across the iconic chalk landscape of the North Wessex Downs.

The project will deliver a range of benefits for nature, climate, and the local community. Key activities will focus on reversing the decline of iconic local wildlife such as farmland birds, and building a greater understanding of the landscape's health, as well as exploring new sustainable economies to support farmers.

The project has secured targeted support for the recovery of the threatened northern lapwing, a ground-nesting bird that has seen a dramatic decline in numbers.

In partnership with the British Deer Society, the project will develop a collaborative Deer Management Action Plan to address the challenges posed by rising deer populations to woodland regeneration and biodiversity. This will be complemented by a feasibility study, led by the Soil Association, to explore viable routes to market for wild venison, promoting it as a sustainable and healthy local food source.

A desktop study will map historic 'ghost ponds' and analyse water flow pathways to identify the best locations for new ponds and wetlands. This will not only create vital habitats but also support natural flood management and improve the landscape's resilience to climate change.

To support the project's collaborative goals, a series of events will be held for farmers, stakeholders, and the public. Events include an introductory event for participating farmers and landowners to introduce the project and the practical support available through the project. An expert-led workshop for land managers on best practices for monitoring and managing deer populations. A practical, on-farm workshop demonstrating habitat creation techniques and the effective use of fencing to protect ground-nesting birds. And finally, a concluding event to share the project's findings, celebrate its successes, and discuss the future of farmer-led conservation in the North Wessex Downs.

Full details, dates, and booking information for public events will be made available on the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust website.

*** Your village needs you ***



LITTER PICK

2nd Saturday of each month

Next meet: 11th Oct at the Tavern at 10.30

Some Holy Days in October:

4th October: St Francis of Assisi - love for the Creation

St Francis (1181 - 1226) is surely one of the most attractive and best-loved of all the saints.

Francis' close rapport with the animal creation was well known. The story of his preaching to the birds has always been a favourite scene from his life. He also tamed the wolf of Gubbio. This affinity emphasises his consideration for, and sense of identity with, all elements of the physical universe, as seen in his Canticle of the Sun. This makes him an apt patron of nature conservation.

10th October: Thomas Traherne - lover of nature

Thomas Traherne (1636 - 1674) is a good saint for anyone who loves our planet, and who wants to preserve Creation. This 17th century poet and clergyman wrote extensively about his love for nature, seeing in it a reflection of the glory of God.

Kemble Church, Eco Church

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



Look out for Hen of the Woods or Jelly Ear but steer clear of Angel Bonnets. The main mushroom season in the UK is autumn and, now the soil is damp again, you may well find all kinds of interesting fungi in the woods and in your garden. There are lots of fungi identification guides, but even with one of these it can be tricky to correctly identify a mushroom which changes through its lifespan. Some poisonous mushrooms resemble edible varieties, so it is safest to stick to a visual forage. There is information about where to look as well as how to identify different species in the Plantlife guide: [How to Find Fungi - Plantlife](#). There is also a fungi identification day at Westonbirt Arboretum on 18 October, which is free after entry to the arboretum.

With the breeding season coming to an end, now is the time to think about giving your nestboxes a clean, ready for use over winter. You might not think a box is used during winter, but it can be a refuge for birds and sometimes even small mammals to shelter from cold or stormy weather. Once you have lowered your box, you can empty the contents of dried vegetation. Use boiling water to clean the box, which kills off any parasites within it. The box can then be left to air dry fully.

Other ways you can celebrate autumn:

October is International Walk to School Month

11 October - **Litter picking** – meet at the Tavern at 10.30 – all welcome. Cirencester **Repair Café** will also be open from 10.00 – 13.00 at the Baptist Church.

14 October – International e-waste day 2025 – as the demand for smartphones, electric vehicles, solar panels, and other technology continues to surge, so does the need for the materials that make them work – these can be recovered from unused or broken electronic products hiding in our drawers and cupboards. Place small electrical items in an old carrier bag and put the bag inside your black recycling box to be collected with the rest of your recycling.

2 October and 7 November - the Orionid meteor shower, peaking for about a week around the 22 October. Look towards the constellation of Orion, stay away from city lights and let your eyes adjust to the dark before trying to spot the Orionid meteors. The peak coincides with the new Moon so viewing conditions will be ideal with no moonlight pollution.

Rachel and Juliette Jago on behalf of Kemble PCC

Kemble Village Hall - Rural Cinema



A cynical expatriate American cafe owner struggles to decide whether or not to help his former lover and her fugitive husband escape the Nazis in French Morocco.

Saturday 18th October 2025
7pm for 7:30pm
Tickets £5.00—Cash or Cards

Kemble Village Hall - Rural Cinema

STEVE COOGAN

The Penguin Lessons

Based on a true story



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE FULL MONTY AND THE WRITER OF PHILOMENA
IN CINEMAS APRIL 18

A disillusioned Englishman who goes to work in a school in a divided Argentina in 1976 finds his life transformed when he rescues an orphaned penguin from the beach.

Saturday 22nd November 2025
7pm for 7:30pm
Tickets £5.00—Cash or Cards

Winners of the 200 Club,
drawn at September's Rural Cinema:

August Ticket 169 - Adam Teakle
September Ticket 126 - Lois and John Latimer

Dates to Celebrate!

This month, at 10 o'clock on 5th October, we thank God for the harvest and bring along our gifts to thank Him. We don't expect you to come with sheaves of corn or fatted calves, but it would be lovely if you'd bring the sort of donations you give to Cirencester Foodbank.



Next month we celebrate All Saints' Day at – of course – All Saints' Church. Again we'd welcome gifts. No, not for the church itself! For at least twenty-five years the church has supported Gloucestershire Domestic Abuse Support Service and its predecessor, Gloucester Women's Refuge, so we would be really grateful if you would bring along items that would make good Christmas presents for GDASS' clients: toys, toiletries, store cards (the sort you can buy from Kam at Kemble Village Stores) and cash. Do please come along at 10 o'clock on 2nd November: we'd love to see you - and we need kind children to help carry all the offerings to the altar!

**Do you enjoy singing?
Come and join Kemble
Choir for this year's carol
service (Sunday 21st
December). Rehearsals will
take place on Wednesday
evenings at 8pm in the
church. Everyone welcome.**

**For further information,
contact Zoë on
kemblechoir@gmail.com
07775 505 774.**

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - KEMBLE AND DISTRICT BRANCH

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – October 2025

Our talks and AGM are held in Kemble Village Hall.



Monday 20th October - 2025 Poppy Appeal Launch

Poppy Appeal launch event at Coffee Stop, 10:00-11:30hrs Kemble Village Hall. Collecting boxes will also be distributed.

Thursday 23rd October - AGM and Talk

Our Annual General Meeting will start at 19:00hrs. Following the AGM, Jim Cunningham will give a talk about his flying career in the RAF.

Sunday 9th 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 5th December – Christmas Meal at the 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 District Royal British Legion - Women's Section

There is still a presence of the W/S in Kemble and we support and sometimes jointly with the Branch hold events for which both men and women can attend. Coming up will be a coffee morning Poppy Launch in Kemble village hall on Monday 20th October 10am - 11.30am. The 2025 appeal boxes will be handed out.

On Thursday 23rd October the AGM will take place in Kemble village hall at 7pm both the women's section and the branch will report on the past year.

Pat Ayres w/s chair

Kemble and Ewen W.I.

On **Thursday 16th October** at 3pm we are in the function room at the Tavern when Lady She will be bringing her Vintage Clothes and Accessories. Visitors most welcome.



If you would like information about our friendly group contact the secretary details below.

On **Saturday 27th September** our group will be joining with other institutes at the Churchdown Community centre for an afternoon of fun and friendship to mark 110 years of The Gloucestershire Federation of Women's' Institutes. Kemble and Ewen W.I. will be having a table with the game 'pick a card' and is collecting all sorts of gifts, produce etc for prizes that can be won!

Friends, family and visitors are very welcome to attend.

Pat 01285 770385 ayrescares50@gmail.com

Cobalt Charity

Cobalt is making a real difference across Gloucestershire - and your support matters!

Come along to our Coffee Morning & Christmas Card Launch on Friday 27th September, 10am–12 noon at Linton House (GL53 7AS). Enjoy coffee, cake and good company – and help raise vital funds for local cancer patients. Free parking at the church!

Feeling inspired? Why not host a coffee morning for Cobalt! Email Emily at emily.janes@cobalthhealth.co.uk to get your fundraising pack.

Make your Christmas card a Cobalt card! Our gorgeous, upcycled card packs (5 for just £2.50) will be available – lovingly crafted by our volunteers.

Save the date for the Reindeer Run on 7th December - a festive 5km walk, jog or run at National Star College. Under 5s go free! Early Bird tickets: £5 child | £8 adult | £25 family.

Other events coming up:

- Fundraising Lunch at Prithvi – 12th September
- Concert at United Reformed Church, Prestbury – 12th September 7.30pm
- Christmas Fair at Linton House with live Randwick Reindeer 27th November 5-7pm

Visit cobalthhealth.co.uk or call or call 01242 535922 for full event details!

Farming Matters

Continuing from my mention last month of nature's abundant harvest, you can't help but notice the plentiful crop of berries in our hedgerows. I've certainly had my fill of blackberries and there will be no shortage of sloe gin this winter! The striking red berries of the roseHIP and the HAWthorn, both members of the family *Rosaceae*, have been valued over many years giving rise to the mention of HIPS and HAWS as early as the 17th century. There's even a Hips and Haws female traditional Clog Morris Dance group based in Chippenham.

Many people will remember being given rosehip syrup as children, a rich source of vitamin C. Rosehips were also used to help with bladder disorders, and act as a digestion aid. Boiling the seeds was thought to make a useful tonic to ease gout, arthritis and rheumatic symptoms and rosehip tea can be used as a laxative. Basically, a cure-all plant! Mischievous schoolboys have been known to make itching powder from the husks. (so I'm told 😊).



Hawthorn has long been used for medicine too. Flowers and leaves were used to stabilise blood pressure. Hawthorn trees are supposed to house fairies, according to Celtic mythology: some people even call it the Faerie tree. Harming a hawthorn will invoke the wrath of the fairies, not to be recommended. Bringing hawthorn blossom into the house is considered unlucky, possibly because hawthorn blossom contains the chemical trimethylamine, having a smell reminiscent of rotting flesh. Anyway, although these hedgerow beauties are not so commonly used nowadays, they provide a valuable source of nutrition for wildlife.

Following Angela Rayner's departure from the front benches, a cabinet reshuffle sees Emma Reynolds MP appointed Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, replacing Steve Reed who is now responsible for housing. She was previously briefly Economic Secretary to the Treasury and Parliamentary Secretary at the Department of Work and Pensions. We also have a new flock of Defra ministers; Dame Angela Eagle DBE MP holds the portfolio for Food Security and Rural Affairs while Emma Hardy MP is the Minister for Water and Flooding, and Mary Creagh CBE MP serves as the Minister for Nature.



While someone has to do these jobs, their farming and environmental credentials may not have seen them shortlisted in the commercial world. There's a lot going on in Defra at the moment, not least of which is a comprehensive review of all environmental regulations affecting farmers and land managers, which I'm 'fortunate' enough to be involved in.

This is a complex set of Regulations, Laws and Codes of Practice, some dating back decades and some established just a few years ago, detailing what farmers can, and cannot do in relation to the protection of the water environment. There will be a wide range of contributions from farmer groups, technical experts, scientists and eNGOs, all with valuable opinion but often opposed. The ministers, and ultimately the Secretary of State, will have to make decisions which will be the basis of new legislation next year. Their abilities to get their heads around the wide variety of issues will be essential for effective and sensible outcomes.

A more local issue appears to be the increase in dog mess left in fields and a worrying rise in the practice of collecting dog mess in a plastic bag and leaving it in the field or hanging it on a bush. Neospora is a parasite often present in dog mess. This parasite can live in the environment for months, posing a significant risk to livestock. Neospora can also survive in silage as the parasite's oocysts can persist through the fermentation process. Cattle are infected by grazing or eating contaminated feeds, leading to potential abortions or stillbirths. It's therefore important that dog walkers acknowledge that dogs are definitive hosts for the parasite and their faeces are a key risk factor.



Unrelated, the Toxocara roundworm parasite, can also be present in dog faeces. If the eggs from the faeces are ingested, they can hatch into larvae. While most people don't develop severe symptoms, a larva can sometimes get trapped in the eye, causing ocular toxocariasis, leading to inflammation, reduced vision, and potentially permanent blindness. Young children are at higher risk. Dog owners - please pick up after your pets on farmland and in public areas.

"Life's tragedy is that we get old too soon and wise too late." Benjamin Franklin

David Ball

Rotas for October 2025

	Sidesperson	Readers	Readings	Kemble flowers	Poole Keynes Cleaning/ Flowers	Somerford Keynes Flowers & Cleaning
5 October	Keith Miles	HARVEST SERVICE	Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4 2 Timothy 1.1-14 Luke 17.5-10	Anne Wilton	Di	Flowers: L Ireland Cleaning: Sandy Crofts Alexia Goldman Tracy Quidley
12 October	Howard Davies	Colin & Binnie Rank	2 Kings 5.1-3,7-15c 2 Timothy 2.8-15 Luke 17.11-19	Anne Wilton	Di	Flowers: L Ireland Cleaning: Sandy Crofts Alexia Goldman Tracy Quidley
19 October	Colin Rank	MORNING SOURCE	Genesis 32.22-31 2 Timothy 3.14 - 4.5 Luke 18.1-8	Linda Day	Di	Flowers: L Ireland Cleaning: Sandy Crofts Alexia Goldman Tracy Quidley
26 October		COMBINED BENEFICE SERVICE	Isaiah 45.22-25 Romans 15.1-6 Luke 4.16-24	Linda Day	Di	Flowers: L Ireland Cleaning: Sandy Crofts Alexia Goldman Tracy Quidley
2 November	Pat Ferris	Keith & Judith Miles	Daniel 7.1-3,15-18 Ephesians 1.11-23 Luke 6.20-31	Pat Ayres	Sue H	Flowers: P Broadbent Cleaning: Val Brassington Lynda Isherwood Marcia Timbrell

Church Wardens

Kemble	Jill Kingston 07798 830287 / 771133	
Poole Keynes	George Collins 770698	Tom Grand
Somerford Keynes	David Crofts	Susanne Lock

Deadline for November magazine: October 21st

Events across the Diocese:

More details for these at gloucester.anglican.org/events

Impact weekend 2025, St Andrew's Church, Churchdown, GL3 2JT, 10 to 12 October

A weekend of worship, teaching, fellowship and fun, including a quiz night, a hog roast, and kids and youth events. <https://stastb.churchsuite.com/events/i1lc2qhb>



A Blackbird Sang – a festival of words and music, St Mary the Virgin Church, 10 to 12 October.

An upcoming weekend of music, poetry and worship at St Mary's Church, Dymock, inspired by the Dymock poets. <https://gloucester.anglican.org/event/a-blackbird-sang-a-festival-of-words-and-music/>

Museum of the moon, Tewkesbury Abbey, Church Street, Tewkesbury, GL50 5RZ, 16 October to 4 November.

A lunar installation by Luke Jerram, illuminating the Abbey with light, sound and wonder.

<https://www.tewkesburyabbey.org.uk/themoon/>

Poppy Fields by Luxmuralis, Gloucester Cathedral Nave, College Green, Gloucester, GL1 2LX, 17 to 25 October

An immersive Luxummarlis installation, combining projections, poetry readings by Eddie Redmayne, and opportunities to support the Royal British Legion. <https://gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/poppy-fields-by-luxmuralis>

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