

## Sunday 28 September 2025 Trinity 15

**Readings- St Michael's– Southam- Why Do We Confess, Absolve and Bless? – John 13:2-17**  
**WGO- Why Do We Confess, Absolve and Bless? – John 13:2-17**

**9.30am Holy Communion – St Michael & All Angels Bishop's Cleeve**

**9.30am Harvest Breakfast Church -Southam Village Hall**

**10.00am Café Church – Gotherington Old Chapel**

**11.15am Contemporary Worship -St Michael & All Angels Bishop's Cleeve**

**For the complete list of services see <https://www.stmichaelsbishopsclleeve.co.uk/whats-on>**

## Harvest Services across the Benefice



Our Harvest services this year are:

Sun 28 Sept:	9.30am:	Harvest Breakfast Church, Southam Village Hall
Sun 5 October:	9.30am:	Harvest HC at St Michael's Church
	11.15am:	Harvest Café Church at St Michael's
Sun 12 October:	3pm:	Harvest Extravaganza at Gotherington Village Hall
Sun 19 October:	10am:	Harvest Service with HC at St Martin de Tours, Woolstone

Please bring donations of non-perishable items which will be donated to the foodbank.

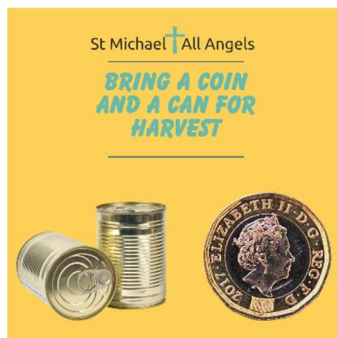
The North Cotswold foodbank are currently short of:

The full list is here:

<https://northcotswold.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>.

There are mini shopping lists available at the back of the church.

- Baked beans
- Tinned tomatoes
- Cooking sauces
- Ketchup
- Mayonnaise
- Tinned vegetables
- Fruit juice
- Jellies
- Custard
- Angel Delight
- Coffee
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned pasta
- Tinned meat
- Tinned potatoes
- Rice pudding
- Longlife milk
- Bleach
- Savoury and sweet snacks



## Bring a coin and a can for Harvest

When coming to one of our services, please bring a can with a £1 coin attached – so we can donate money as well as food to the North Cotswold Foodbank.



## Save the Date - Women's Breakfast in St Michael's church Saturday 18th October-9am

Please save the date. More details to follow, many thanks

Glenda Green

## CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

### Friday Night Youth Club – next session 26 September

#### Gotherington Old Chapel 7pm to 8.30pm

Our youth group meets every other Friday during term time and is open to young people in years 7-13. Each session is packed with fun activities, including games, engaging discussions, and plenty of time to hang out over a hot chocolate and snacks. We aim to support and inspire young people, empowering them in their faith and personal life.

Autumn Term Dates: **26 September, 10 and 24 October, 7 and 21 November, 5 December**

### Explorers Extra

#### This Sunday, 28 September- St Michael's Centre

There will be Explorers Extra this Sunday 28 September in St Michael's Centre, please drop off at 11.10am and we will bring the children back over to church before the end of the service.

## WHAT'S ON?

### House of Prayer - Saturday 27 September

#### St Michael's Church 9.30am

With all that is going on nationally and internationally, we need to consider again the call to be an army on its knees. Please come and join us in praying for our brothers and sisters in Christ, recognising the spiritual battle and polishing up our godly armour. Matthew 24:9-24

### Connect Chatter – every Friday

#### Community Hall 3 (next to Bishops Cleeve Library)

Every Friday 11am to 1pm – free entry – no sign up needed.

For anyone feeling lonely, bereaved (including pet loss), overwhelmed as a carer.

Please contact John Barton: 07500 003680 or [connectchatter@gmail.com](mailto:connectchatter@gmail.com) for more information.

### Savoury and Sweet Afternoon Tea- Wednesday 1 October 2025 3pm

#### St Michael's Centre Bishop's Cleeve

We would like to remind and invite you to our regular Savoury and Sweet Afternoon Tea, held on a **Wednesday afternoon** throughout the year. There is plenty of savoury offerings as well as sweet treats so please come and join us to make new friends or reconnect with old ones. If transport is a problem, please call Jacqui on **07799 378121** and she will be able to arrange something for you. Everyone is welcome to this event, so please pass the message on. Upcoming dates are: **October 1, November 5 and December 3**. Cost is £3 on arrival. We look forward to seeing you.

### Harvest Supper - SOLD OUT Saturday 4 October 5.30pm St Michael's Centre

St Michael's Centre & St Michael's Church are looking forward to our Harvest Supper. Thank you to all who have bought tickets.

**If you are able to donate a raffle prize, please could you bring these into the Church Office, any donations will be gratefully received.**

### Office Coffee Morning – Tuesday 7 October 2025

#### Church Office 10am to 11.30am

We are holding a Coffee Morning in the Church Office to raise money for the North Cotswold Foodbank – come and join us for chat, tea/coffee and cake.

### Ride & Stride 2025 Photography Competition

There is still time to take part by entering the Ride & Stride Photography Competition – open to all ages and abilities. Closing date: Monday 30 September 2025. For more details please visit:

[GHCT Photography Competition | Enter our Photography Comp](#)

## VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

### Help needed for coffee groups

Do you attend the 11.15 am service?

Would you be able to arrive at 10.50 am on week 2 (two people needed), week 3 (two people needed) or week 4 (one person needed) to help serve drinks and then clear up after the church service.

If so, please contact Fee Hall on [feehall@ymail.com](mailto:feehall@ymail.com)

## NOTICES

### Traditional BCP Evensong last Sunday.

Thank you to everyone who supported last Sunday's Choral Evensong. A wonderfully reflective end to the day.

### A few places are left for First Aid Training

**Friday 10 October 2025 at St Michael's Church 9.30am to 4.30pm**

We have organised a First Aid course, for 12 persons, in St Michael's lasting for one day, 9.30am to 4.30pm, Friday 10 October 2025. The course title is Emergency First Aid at Work and the provider is First Response.

We can provide coffee/tea and biscuits. Trainees are asked to bring a packed lunch.

Guidance includes wearing sensible clothes and being of reasonable fitness.

It is important to remember that the duties of a first aider can be physically demanding, so attendees must be free from any condition that will affect their participation in the course and their capability to carry out a first aider's duties. For example, individuals must be able to physically kneel on the floor and administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

This is a whole day commitment and we are very grateful to anyone who takes it on. This activity fits in well with Mission Statement in two ways. We are trained and prepared to deliver careful and caring attention to any persons in our church community who need First Aid. We are trained and prepared to bring help to anyone we come across in our daily lives.

If you wish to sign up for this course, please reply to me, Ann Jessop, email below, directly with your name, your role, your email and a phone number. I hope to have a list of 12 persons confirmed by Friday 26 September.

If you already hold a valid and in-date First Aid qualification, maybe via your place of work, and would like the church to know you are trained and available in an emergency, please let me know.

**Ann Jessop**

**Tel: 01242 672872 or 07974 037668**

**Email: [ann.jessop@btopenworld.com](mailto:ann.jessop@btopenworld.com)**

### Alpha Course – sign up for a January course

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone's welcome – those of no faith, some faith or different faith. It's not about 'church' or rituals ... it's about discovery ... and relationship

We will be starting a new course in January: To book a place and indicate your preferences please [click here](#)

### Trust 130

You can raise £130 for St Michael's Church by choosing to take out your home insurance through Ecclesiastical Insurance. Click here for more information. [Trust130](#) | [Home Insurance](#) | [Ecclesiastical](#)

### Christmas Craft- Cheltenham and Bishop's Cleeve Anna Chaplaincy for Older People

It's that time of year again – CaBiC's Christmas craft project for the residents of our local care homes in Cheltenham and Bishops Cleeve.

We do hope that you might be willing (and able) to continue to support this by knitting some Christmas stars this year. [Please click here for the pattern](#) or you can pick up a paper copy from the back of the church. Please ensure all your stars are at the back of Church, or in the Church Office by **Monday 1 December 2025**.

### Watch Sermons on YouTube

Watch our Sunday sermons on our YouTube channel. Please do have a look and feel free to share with others.

If you Subscribe to the website (which is free) you will receive a notification when a new video is uploaded.

Visit the channel here: <https://youtu.be/RjbH3bo5jb8>

## OUR MISSION PARTNERS - NEWS

### Mission Partners

At St Michael's, we have three Mission Partners with which we have strong ties. Our three Mission Partners are: **North Cotswold Foodbank**, **Grassroots Rwanda** and **Mission Macedonia**.

For more information about these, and how you can help, please go to our website:

<https://www.stmichaelsbishopsclleeve.co.uk/world-mission>

## UPCOMING TRAINING COURSE FROM THE DIOCESE OF GLOUCESTER

For the latest training courses on offer from the Diocese of Gloucester [Please Click Here for Information](#).

## ECO-CHURCH - SEPTEMBER

### Terracycling

Terra cycling boxes are available in the office and in church every week. See the lists attached for acceptable items. Please contact Ro by email at [ro.hunt60@gmail.com](mailto:ro.hunt60@gmail.com) to arrange collection.

### Our Energy Saving Tip This Month

#### Clean Card and Plastic

Make sure the card and plastic and paper that you put in your blue bin is clean. A whole batch can be wasted if there is contamination.

## NOTICES FROM BISHOP'S CLEEVE METHODIST CHURCH

To find out **What's On** at Bishop's Cleeve Methodist Church, please follow the link: [https://www.methodist-bishopsclleeve.co.uk/page\\_2275125.html](https://www.methodist-bishopsclleeve.co.uk/page_2275125.html)

<b>Sunday:</b>	Worship at 10.30am followed by refreshments.
<b>Monday:</b>	Meeting for Prayer at 12.45 pm. Meet Up Monday 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm.
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Communion Service with other churches at 9.00 am. Fellowship Group with a speaker at 2.00 pm on alternate Wednesdays.
<b>Thursday:</b>	Film Club at 2.00 pm on the first Thursday of each month. Prayer and Bible Study at 2pm and 7.45 pm on alternate Thursdays.
<b>Saturday:</b>	Coffee mornings 10am - 12 noon as announced.

**Keep up to date with church news, diary dates and more on our website.**

[www.stmichaelsbishopsclleeve.co.uk](http://www.stmichaelsbishopsclleeve.co.uk)

**Service times:** [stmichaelsbishopsclleeve.co.uk/worship-services](http://stmichaelsbishopsclleeve.co.uk/worship-services)

**Safeguarding:** [stmichaelsbishopsclleeve.co.uk/safeguarding](http://stmichaelsbishopsclleeve.co.uk/safeguarding)

**Church Office:** [stmichaelsbishopsclleeve.co.uk/contact](http://stmichaelsbishopsclleeve.co.uk/contact)

**Donate:** [Bishop's Cleeve - Parish Giving Scheme](#)

[Southam - Parish Giving Scheme](#)

[WGO - Parish Giving Scheme Or ring 03330021260](#)

**Watch Sermons:** [youtube.com/@StMichaelsBishopsCleeve](https://youtube.com/@StMichaelsBishopsCleeve)

### Church Office Telephone Number and Opening Times

**07354 874617** Kate for all enquiries including weddings. Monday to Friday

**07871 602525** Tracy for enquiries relating to funerals, baptisms and DBS. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Church Office Opening Times: Monday – Thursday 10am – 2pm

Friday: Kate sometimes works from home, please ring to check before coming to the office

If you no longer wish to receive Weekly News, please email [admin@stmichaelsbishopsclleeve.co.uk](mailto:admin@stmichaelsbishopsclleeve.co.uk)