

St Michael All Angels

Southam, Woolstone, Gotherington & Oxenton

Sunday 9 November 2025: Remembrance Sunday

Readings- St Michael's- Southam – Matthew 5: 1-12

WGO- Matthew 5: 1-12

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

10.45am Remembrance Service– Bishops Cleeve War Memorial – followed by refreshments in Church
(and inside St Michael's Church for those who find standing difficult)

10.45 am Remembrance Service – Gotherington War Memorial

3.00pm Remembrance Service – Southam War Memorial

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

Church Office – closed next week

Please note that the Church Office will be closed next week (10 November to 14 November) due to illness. Emails and queries will be picked up on Monday 18 November.



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(for people who would find standing for a long time at the war memorial)

There will be refreshments served in St Michael's Church FOLLOWING the 10.45 am services to which you are all invited.

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PGS is BACK! Last chance to donate to our Gift Day

Thank you to those who have already donated.

Please prayerfully consider if you could make a contribution through taking out a brand new Parish Giving Scheme donation or through increasing your current PGS?? Obviously we would love this to a part of your regular planned giving but clearly any gift, through any means would be wonderfully welcome. Please do help if you can – leaflets are available at the back of church.

Please scan the QR code to access our page or visit our website:

<https://www.stmichaelsbishopsclleeve.co.uk/giving>



Christmas in Cleeve Benefice

Please visit our "Christmas in Cleeve Benefice" page on our website for all the information regarding services and activities over the Christmas period, or visit our website as below:

<https://www.stmichaelsbishopsclleeve.co.uk/christmasincleevebenefice>

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CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Friday Night Youth Club – next session 7 November

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: **7 and 21 November, 5 December**

WHAT'S ON?

The Birthday Party – St Michael's Church: 7.30pm for an 8pm start

Friday 28 November and Saturday 29 November

A new one-woman show by Natalie Garrett

A story you think you know — told differently.

Meet **Mary**, and journey through the wonder, laughter, and heartbreak of an ordinary life made extraordinary.

This Christmas, you're invited to *The Birthday Party*.

The show lasts approximately 40 minutes with refreshments served before and afterwards.

(NB: This event is not intended for children.)

Tickets: £5, including refreshments – to buy tickets

Please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-birthday-party-28th-and-29th-november-tickets-1896526304229?aff=oddttdtcreator>

scan the QR code, or call into the Church Office.



Connect Chatter – every Friday

Community Hall 1 (next to Bishops Cleeve Library)

Every Friday 11am to 2pm – 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 for more information

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Can you help?

If you can spare an hour a week to do a Churchwatch duty, we shall be very glad to hear from you.

If you can spare an hour a month to do some light dusting in St Michael's, in a team, do get in touch.

If you think you could be a Sunday steward once a month and you are prepared to train for this, let us know.

RSVP for more details to ann.jessop@btopenworld.com or 07974037668 Thank you.

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 1 (one person needed) week 2 (one person needed) or week 3 (two people needed) to help serve drinks and then clear up after the church service.

If so, please contact Fee Hall on feehall@ymail.com

Can you help supervise the road closure barriers for the following events:

1. Remembrance Parade Sunday 9 November: help needed from 10.20 – 12.00ish.
2. Christmas Lights Switch on Saturday 22 November offers please of any one hour between 9.00am and 9.00pm Please contact Yvonne Penn on YPenn@christian-aid.org

NOTICES

Lucy Barbour – November 2025

Lucy will be on a third year curate placement for the whole of November, so you won't see her around as much. Please pray for her during this time.

She will be at Coopers Edge Community Church which will be useful learning to give feedback to our ministry in Bishops Cleeve (and wider deanery with regard to Church on new housing estates).

If you want to find out a bit more about them, their website is [Coopers Edge Community Church](https://www.coopersedgechurch.co.uk)

Parking at Church

It is great to be able to welcome more people who have difficulties with their mobility to both of our Sunday morning services. Parking directly outside church is becoming more congested, preventing people who need access from parking nearby. Please do not park outside the church unless you really need to.

Prayer at St Michael's

We love to pray. We need to pray.

We have a few ways to get involved in the week to week prayer life of our church some of which are listed on the image at the bottom of this sheet. Please do considering signing up to emails or attending online or in person meetings. Email: smprayerchain@outlook.com

Poustinia

If you would like to make use of the Poustinia then please contact James on 07866 162228 for more information or visit our website and go to the News and Events page.



Christmas Market at St Michael's Centre Saturday 8 November 10am -2pm

St Michael's Centre 'Earlybird Christmas Market' is fast approaching and we are looking for donations of goods to sell to make this popular event a success. There will be a basket in the Church porch for items for the gift stall, toiletries, jewellery (old or new), adult and children's books, toys, and items suitable for a tombola stall. Alternatively, donations can be left in the church office. Thank you!

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](#)

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>

Thank you from North Cotswold Foodbank.

On behalf of the Trustees and all the Volunteers of the North Cotswold Foodbank, I would like to thank all who contributed at St Michael's church for the food donation received recently, weighing in at 1.06kg.

Trip to Rwanda

One of our mission partners, GrassRoots Rwanda is arranging a trip to Rwanda for around 9 days in the first two weeks of February.

Would you like to come??

The trip will cost no more than £1,000 to include flights, transport, accommodation and food. While you are there, we will be the guests of the Bishop of the Anglian Diocese of Shyogwe. We will see the work of the Diocese and how GrassRoots comes alongside and helps and encourages. If you are interested, see Pete Muir or call for a chat on 07780 998928. I will be planning to buy the flight tickets in Mid-December. **Pete**



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 - NOVEMBER

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 to arrange collection.

Our Energy Saving Tip This Month

Donate Unwanted Items

It's that time of year when we can all find items to donate to charity. Toys, books, bric-a-brac, jewellery and gift sets that will be appreciated by others and in turn reduce waste.

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-bishopsleeve.co.uk/page_2275125.html

- Sunday:** Worship at 10.30am followed by refreshments.
Monday: Meeting for Prayer at 12.45 pm.
Meet Up Monday 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm.
Wednesday: Communion Service with other churches at 9.00 am.
Fellowship Group with a speaker at 2.00 pm on alternate Wednesdays.
Thursday: 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.
Saturday: Coffee mornings 10am - 12 noon as announced.

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

www.stmichaelsbishopsleeve.co.uk

Service times: stmichaelsbishopsleeve.co.uk/worship-services

Safeguarding: stmichaelsbishopsleeve.co.uk/safeguarding

Church Office: stmichaelsbishopsleeve.co.uk/contact

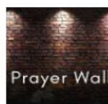
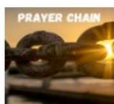
Donate: [Bishop's Cleeve - Parish Giving Scheme](#)

[Southam - Parish Giving Scheme](#)

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

Watch Sermons: youtube.com/@StMichaelsBishopsCleeve

Different
ways to pray
at St
Michael's



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

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