

Sunday 25 January 2026 Epiphany 3

Readings:

St Michael's – Southam – The Gospel According to Joseph: Discipline: Genesis 42 (1-9) and 45 (1-9)
WGO- The Gospel According to Joseph: Discipline: Genesis 42 (1-9) and 45 (1-9) Luke 4 (14-21)

9.30am Holy Communion-St Michael's Church

9.30am Breakfast Church-Southam Village Hall

10.00am Café Church The Old Chapel, Gotherington

11.15am Contemporary Service St Michael's Church

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



Quiz Night Friday 30 January

5.30pm for 6.00pm Start-St Michael's Centre

St Michael's Centre is home to our lively Praise & Play toddler groups and our new Sunday Morning Explorers sessions. Due to this new Sunday initiative and the rising cost of resources for the sessions, such as craft materials and refreshments, St Michael's Church and St Michael's Centre are joining together to run a fundraising Quiz Night. This with a view to offsetting the increased resource costs of the sessions and, most importantly, avoiding putting prices up for the young families attending.

Come along, bring your brainiest friends, and support the work of our Children and Families Team while having a great time!

Tickets are £10 (cash sales only) from the **Bishop's Cleeve Bookshop** or **St Michael's Church Office** located at the St Michael's Centre. For card sales call Helen on 07852 549672.

Alternatively, tickets will be on sale after our Sunday morning services in January. Tickets include a tasty two course meal, bar opens at 5.30pm serving beers, wine & soft drinks. Quiz starts at 6pm. Teams: 4 (minimum) – 6 (maximum). No team? Just come along and make up a team on the night.



Commissioning Service for Street Pastors

7 February St Michael's Church

We are hosting a service to commission the Cheltenham Street Pastors on the evening of Saturday 7 February - including our very own Kevin Sadler!

It starts at 7pm and there will be input from guests Revd. Les Isaac the founder of Street Pastors - and from Bishop Robert. All are very welcome.



February Prayer Focus: Children's, Family and Youth Ministry

Throughout February, we are inviting our congregations to join us in praying for our Children's, Family and Youth Ministry. A prayer calendar is available at the back of the church, as well as on our website and social media platforms. We encourage you to use this resource as you pray for the children and young people we connect with, and for all who faithfully serve in this important ministry. Thank you for your support, please click on the link for further information. [Prayer for Childrens, youth and Family work.pdf](#)

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Friday Night Youth Club – Next Session 23 January

Gotherington Old Chapel 7pm to 8.30pm

Our youth group meets every other Friday during term time it 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. The future dates are: **23 January, 6 Feb, 27 Feb, 13 March and 27 March**

Sunday Morning Explorers

Exciting News for Sunday Mornings in 2026!

New adventures for our children and young people at St Michael's



From **January 2026**, we're shaking things up (in the best way!) with how we do our **Sunday morning children's work**—and we think you're going to love it!

For more information, please visit our website <https://www.stmichaelsbishopsleeve.co.uk/exciting-news-for-sunday-mornings-in-2026> or scan the QR code

Praise and Play Extra

Praise and Play Extra — Sundays Just Got Even More Joyful!

We're feeling incredibly blessed in our benefice to run **three vibrant parents and toddler groups**, each one bursting with fun, faith, and friendship. It's a joy to see little ones singing, crafting, and learning about Jesus — and now, we're bringing that same spirit to Sundays! Please visit our website or scan the QR code for further information: <https://www.stmichaelsbishopsleeve.co.uk/praise-and-play-extra>

WHAT'S ON?

House of Prayer - Saturday 24 January

For our first face-to-face meeting of 2026, we think it appropriate to focus our prayers on the needs of St Michael's leadership, their ministry and their personal welfare.

We shall meet at 9.30 am in the Choir Vestry (crèche room), and after a short time of sung worship, move into prayer. Please come and join us for an hour or so, we'd love to see you!

Cleeve School Prayer Group- Monday 26 January 6pm – 7pm

Cleeve School Prayer group are having a prayer meeting to pray for the high school. This will take place on Monday 26 January 6pm – 7pm at Woodmancote Free Church.

Men's Breakfast – 6 February 2026

You are welcome to join us for our first Men's Breakfast of 2026 on Saturday 6 February at St Michael's Church.

Ash Wednesday Service at St Michael's-Wednesday 18 February 2026 at 7pm

Begin your Lent journey with a Holy Communion service for Ash Wednesday, with hymns and music. All welcome.

Save the dates: Lent Courses, starting 25/26 February

We will be holding two Lent Courses as follows:

Wednesday afternoons: 25 February, 4 March, 11 March, 18 March, 25 March (in Gotherington) with a start time of 1pm.

Thursday evenings: 26 February, 5 March, 12 March, 19 March, 26 March (at St Michael's Church) with a start time of 7.30pm.

Save the Date

Holiday Club Summer - 11 August – 13 August 2026

We will be holding our Holiday Club from Tuesday 11 August to Thursday 13 August.

More information to follow in the New Year.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Would You Like to Volunteer?

If you would like to volunteer for a good cause, for as much or as little time as you have available please contact St Michael's Church Office where we can give you further information on the current volunteer need within the benefice. Please email: admin@stmichaelsbishopsleeve.co.uk or telephone **07354 874617**

NOTICES

Calling all Knitters-Anna Chaplaincy Easter Project -Easter Pockets

As Easter is quite early this year, Palm Sunday is the 29 March, we have decided on an easy pattern of an Easter Pocket. The plan is to put a small packet of tissues inside each one. There will be hard copies of the pattern at the back of St Michael's Church along with a basket to leave your completed pockets, or you can drop them into the Church Office. The deadline for this is Friday 27th February

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 generous food donation received recently, weighing in at an excellent 17.92kg. We really appreciate your continued support.

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.stmichaelsbishopsleeve.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 - JANUARY

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

Recycling Christmas Chocolate Tubs and Biscuit Tubs

Make sure your tubs don't go to waste! Bring your clean, empty plastic confectionery and biscuit tubs to participating Greene King pubs between **1 January and 15 February 2026** to be recycled. The Royal Oak Bishop's Cleeve is part of this scheme.

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 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