

St Michael All Angels

Southam, Woolstone, Gotherington & Oxenton

Sunday 22 March 2026 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Readings:

St Michael's— Southam – Judges to Chronicles 2 Samuel 7 (8-17)

WGO- Judges to Chronicles 2 Samuel 7 (8-17) John 12 (1-8)

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9.30am Holy Communion St Michael's Church

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>



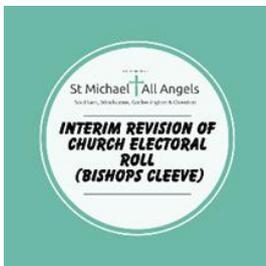
We'd love you to join us for our Palm Sunday walk and Easter Extravaganza! Sunday 29 March 2pm

We'll meet inside St Michael's Church at 2.00pm, before setting off together at 2.15pm to walk to Gotherington Village Hall. Please don't worry if you can't make the whole route - you're very welcome to join the walk at any point along the way or simply meet us at the Village Hall to join in the fun there.

When we arrive, our Easter Extravaganza team will be ready to welcome you with refreshments, Easter activity stations and, of course, an Easter egg hunt for the children. Last year was such a wonderful afternoon and we're excited to do it again this year! Do come along and join us! A map of the walk route will be available in church or by clicking the QR code:

Meet at St Michaels: 2pm, walk starts 2.15pm

Extravaganza in Gotherington Village Hall: 3pm



Revision of Church Electoral Roll (Bishops Cleeve)

St Michael's is required to revise the Parish Electoral Roll in time for our Annual Meeting. There is a copy of our current Electoral Roll available in Church which will be revised between the dates of Sunday 1 March and Monday 30 March.

If you are not on the Electoral Roll and consider St Michael's to be your Church **PLEASE** collect an application form from the office or the back of church and return it to the Church Office or the box at the back of church by the end of Monday 30 March. Questions can be addressed to me at jedowle46@gmail.com or by phoning 01386 882951. **If you were on the Roll last year, you do NOT need to reapply. Your name will be carried forward automatically.** Julia Dowle Electoral Roll Officer



Huge Thanks to Kathryn-and a call to Prayer!

Kathryn Lea has decided to step down from her role as Worship Leader and her other responsibilities in St Michael's. She has been our Worship Leader for the last 14 years, serving very faithfully, fruitfully and has been a wonderful blessing to so many of us in that time! Let's all make sure that she knows that she has our love and thanks - and our prayers for whatever is next for her. We will be formally thanking her at the Annual Meeting on Monday 20th April.

In order to begin doing that, and to pray for our music and sung worship at the 11.15 service, we are holding 2 special prayer meetings, both at 7.30pm in church - on **Monday 23rd March (that's NEXT MONDAY!)** - and on **Monday 13th April** - do come and pray if you can!

If you no longer wish to receive Weekly News, please email admin@stmichaelsbishopsleeve.co.uk

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Friday Night Youth Club – Next Session 27 March

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.

Future session dates tbc.

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.

WHAT'S ON?

The Last Supper – Maundy Thursday - 7pm St Michael's Church

We have now reached capacity for this meal, but do have a waiting list, so please contact the office to be added to this.

2 x Lent Courses - Continued

Ben will continue to lead the daytime course in Gotherington on **Wednesday afternoon at 1pm** 25 March at Gotherington Old Chapel.

Tim will continue to lead the evening course in St Michael's on **Thursday evenings at 7.30pm** on 19 March, 26 March. All are very welcome!!

Easter Sunday Adult Baptisms

From around AD 150 it became traditional for adult converts to be prepared (and to fast!) and then to all be baptised together on Easter Sunday - a great celebration of the new life that they have received from Jesus' resurrection!

On this Easter Sunday (5th April) St Michael's will also be providing an opportunity for some of our congregation to be baptised by full immersion.

We would also like to offer this as an opportunity for any other members of our church family to reaffirm their baptismal vows at this celebration. This could be a great opportunity for a public confession of faith for people who have come back to faith or who were baptised/christened as children and would like to declare their adult faith in your local church family. If you are also interested in being baptised - or renewing your baptismal vows - please contact the church office at admin@stmichaelsbishopsclieve.co.uk or talk to Tim, Ben, Nat or Lucy

St Michael's Centre- Afternoon Tea Wednesday 1 April

Our next Afternoon Tea will be on Wednesday 1st April, 3-4.15pm at the Centre.

Hop along for an Easter - themed event! We will be serving sandwiches, savouries and Easter treats. There will be a raffle and a table challenge.

A chance to meet up with friends old and new. All welcome. Cost is £3 payable on the door.

Please contact Jacqui (07799 378121) in advance if you require transport.

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 for more information

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@stmichael'sbishopsclieve.co.uk or telephone **07354 874617**

NOTICES

Annual Vision Meeting – Parish of Bishop’s Cleeve with Southam Monday 20 April at 6.30pm in St Michael’s Church

Our Annual Vision Meeting – the AGM for the Parish of Bishop’s Cleeve with Southam – will take place on Monday 20 April at 6.30pm in St Michael’s Church.

The meeting, which will focus on our vision for the future of our ministry in our parish, will include the election of our Churchwardens, as well as our APCM.

All those on our electoral roll are encouraged to attend.

Our papers booklet will be published on our website in early April.

Experience Easter-Prayers

Please pray for Experience Easter, those leading and those taking part:
23rd, 24th and 25th March.

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

North Cotswold Foodbank

Ad-Lent Calendar

You are invited to join in with the Ad-lent Calendar for the Foodbank. Their calendar transforms the traditional Lenten period of reflection into a practical opportunity to help others. For each of the 40 days of Lent, simply donate one food item from our calendar, ticking them off as you go. It's perfect for individuals looking for a meaningful Lent activity, families teaching children about giving, or groups at workplaces, schools and churches wanting to make a collective impact. By Easter, you'll have gathered a box of essential items that will directly support people in crisis.



For more information and to download your own calendar, please visit:
<https://nbsg.foodbank.org.uk/ad-lent-challenge-2026/> or scan the QR code.

There are some calendars printed at the back of church also.

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>

Pictures of Rwanda

Following on from Pete Muir’s talk, please find the links for the nursery kitchen and the land, both at Munazi. If you would like to see the nursery kitchen and the land, please scan the QR codes:



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- MARCH

Terracycling

Please Note:

Tea & coffee scheme ended

Only Pringles tubes with metal bases are accepted now (the fully cardboard tubes and the plastic lid can now go in kerbside recycling and the seal in waste.) Cake and biscuit wrappers are still okay.

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-Daily Habits & Appliance Usage:

Cook Smart: Use a slow cooker or air fryer instead of the oven, as they are more energy efficient.

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.

Tuesday: Prayer and Bible Study at 7.45 pm on alternate Tuesdays (next meeting 3 February)

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.

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/@StMichaelsBishopsCleeveChurchOffice

Different
ways to pray
at St
Michael's



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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