

## Sunday 29 March 2026 Fifth Sunday of March

### Readings:

St Michael's— Southam – The Prophets and Exile – Zechariah 9 (9-13)  
WGO- The Prophets and Exile – Zechariah 9 (9-13) Luke 19 (28-40)

### Sunday 29 March 2026 (Palm Sunday)

9.30am Holy Communion- St Michael's Church

**11.15am NO SERVICE - St Michael's Church**

2.00pm Short Service- St Michael's Church

2.00 pm Walk from St Michael's Church to Gotherington Village Hall

3.00pm Easter Extravaganza- Gotherington Village Hall

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

**Remember to put your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed on Saturday evening**



### Easter Services this Week:

<b>Monday 30 March:</b>	1800:	Compline at St Michael's
<b>Tuesday 31 March:</b>	1800:	Compline at St Michael's
<b>Wednesday 1 April:</b>	1800:	Compline at St Michael's
<b>Thursday 2 April:</b>	1900:	The Last Supper (pre-booked only)
<b>Friday 3 April:</b>	1030:	Good Friday All Age Service: St Michael's
	1400:	Reflective Service at St Michael's
	1400:	Reflective Service of the Word at St Martin de Tours, Woolstone



### 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](mailto: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.



### 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**



## 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.

### Easter Holiday Notice

As we enter the Easter holidays, our regular term-time Children and Youth groups will be taking a short break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on the following dates:

- **Praise and Play Monday:** 13th April
- **Praise and Play Tuesday:** 14th April
- **Praise and Play Thursday:** 16th April
- **Bible Brick Club:** Thursday 16th April
- **Sunday Morning Explorers:** 19th April
- **GPS Friday Night Youth:** 24th April

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to all our wonderful volunteers. These groups simply could not run without your dedication, time, and care.

### 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.**

### 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@stmichaelsbishopsleeve.co.uk](mailto:admin@stmichaelsbishopsleeve.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.

### 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. We will also be holding our second special prayer meeting for our music and sung worship at 11.15 service on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in church.**

## The Lady Vanishes - Cleeve Tithe Barn Friday

17th April at 7:30pm, 18th April at 2:30pm and 7:30pm

A Comedy Thriller adapted for stage by Derek Webb from the novel by Ethel Lina White on which the classic Hitchcock film was based an amateur production by arrangement with Stage scripts Ltd.



Tickets £12 available online from: [www.bishopscleeveplayers.co.uk](http://www.bishopscleeveplayers.co.uk) and from late February at George Lewis Footwear in Bishops Cleeve. Email: [bishopscleeveplayers@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bishopscleeveplayers@yahoo.co.uk)  
<https://www.facebook.com/bishopscleeveplayers>

## Save the Date – Saturday 16 May 2026

Women's Breakfast St Michael's Church. More information to follow.

## 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'sbishopscleeve.co.uk](mailto:admin@stmichael'sbishopscleeve.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.

### 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.stmichaelsbishopscleeve.co.uk/world-mission>

### Thank You from North Cotswold Foodbank

On behalf of the trustees and all the volunteers of 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 9.38kg.

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

## 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](mailto: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-bishopscleeve.co.uk/page\\_2275125.html](https://www.methodist-bishopscleeve.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>Tuesday:</b>	Prayer and Bible Study at 7.45 pm on alternate Tuesdays (next meeting 3 February)
<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.
<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.stmichaelsbishopsleeve.co.uk](http://www.stmichaelsbishopsleeve.co.uk)

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

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

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[Southam - Parish Giving Scheme](#)

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

Watch Sermons: [youtube.com/@StMichaelsBishopsCleeveChurchOffice](https://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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