

**Sunday 19 April 2026 Third Sunday of April Easter 3**

**Readings:**

**St Michael's– Southam New Heart Philippians 1 (3-11)**

**WGO- New Heart Philippians 1 (3-11) John 21 (1-19)**

**Sunday 19 April 2026**

9.30am Said Holy Communion -St Michael's Church

10.00am Church on the- Hill Cleeve Hill

10.00am Holy Communion -St Martin de Tours, Woolstone

11.15am Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion -St Michael's Church

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



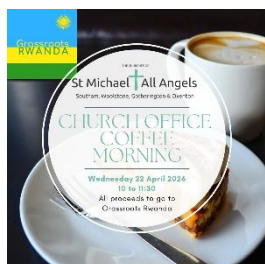
**Annual Vision Meeting – Parish of Bishop's Cleeve with Southam  
Monday 20 April at 6.30pm in St Michael's Church**

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. Please click on the link for the APCM

Reports: <https://www.stmichaelsbishopsleeve.co.uk/apcm-and-annual-vision-meeting>



**Church Office Coffee Morning - Wednesday 22 April at 10am  
St Michael's Church Office**

You are invited to come and have coffee/tea and cake in St Michael's Church Office  
All proceeds to our Mission Partner, Grassroots Rwanda



**Holiday Club is BACK! - 11th, 12th & 13th August-This year's theme:  
Jungle Explorers!**

Get ready for three wild days of adventure... and bookings open **1st June!**

But before we trek into the jungle, we need an amazing team to help make it all happen!

**Who are we looking for?**

Everyone! Loud or quiet, young or old—there's a role for every kind of explorer.

**When do we need help? 9am to 2:30pm**

Sessions run from **10.00am to 2.00pm** and we'd love volunteers who can join us for the full day **OR Lunchtime helpers**—just a short slot to give our all-day leaders a much-needed rest.

**Safer Recruitment**

In line with our Safer Recruitment policy, all volunteers must:

Have a **church DBS**, have completed **basic safeguarding training**, fill out the **volunteer application forms**.

**Can you help us create an unforgettable jungle adventure?**

If so, we'd *love* to have you on the team! For more information, please contact Lucy Betts on

[lbetts@stmbc.uk](mailto:lbetts@stmbc.uk)

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

## CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

### Friday Night Youth Club – Next Session Friday 24 April

#### 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: Friday 8 May, Friday 22 May, Friday 12 June, Friday 26 June, Friday 10 July and Sunday 19 July

## WHAT'S ON?

### Mozart Requiem sung by Cleeve Chorale - Saturday 18 April 2026 at 7.30 pm

#### St Michael's Church

Tickets available from: George Lewis Footwear, Woodmancote Newsagents or on the door.

Ticket cost: £18.00 (including refreshments).

Accompanied under 17's free.

### Thursday Night Lent Course-Grand Designs Continued

The final two sessions of the Thursday Night Lent Course – Grand Designs will continue on the 16 and 23 of April.

### Sausage and Mash Lunch – Wednesday 13 May 12.30pm for 1.00pm

#### St Martin de Tours Church, Woolstone

Friends of St Martin de Tours Church, Woolstone will be having a SAUSAGES AND MASH LUNCH at the Old Chapel, Gotherington on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May at 12:30 pm for 1:00 pm.

Tickets are £10 per person and can be obtained at the Church Office or by telephoning Jean Wickens on 01242 679345. There will also be a Raffle.

### Women's Breakfast – Saturday 16 May 2026

#### St Michael's Church

Calling all ladies and do bring a friend. As well as enjoying fellowship over breakfast we will be hearing a testimony of God's love, protection and healing.

### Save the Date – Thursday 17 September 2026 7.30pm

2026 is a very significant year for John and Maggie Sharpe. Over this Easter weekend they are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary and then in September they celebrate 50 years of Ordained Ministry.

Please put Thursday 17th September at 7.30pm in your diaries, for a drinks reception at St Michael's to thank them and celebrate them!!

### 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

## NOTICES

### Thank you from Anna Chaplaincy

Dear All Knitters and Friends of CaBiC,

Thank you once again for all the wonderful, knitted Easter Pockets which you generously made for the residents of all our local care homes in Cheltenham and Bishops Cleeve. They were filled with a small packet of tissues and delivered by some of our volunteers.

Kind regards, Brian, Rachel & the CaBiC team.

**For more information and pictures, please scan the QR code:**



## 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'sbishopsleeve.co.uk](mailto:admin@stmichael'sbishopsleeve.co.uk) or telephone **07354 874617**

### 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 visit: <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- APRIL

### Terra-cycling-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:

Setting the washing machine and dishwasher at 30 degrees could reduce your energy usage by 40%.

## 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](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

**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.

Bible Study at 2.00 pm on the second and fourth 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.

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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)

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

[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