

## Sunday 3 May 2026 First Sunday of May

St Michael's– Southam Readings: **Philippians 2 (1-11) – New Attitude**

WGO- New Purpose Readings: **Philippians 2 (1-11) – New Attitude John 13: 31-35**

### Sunday 3 May 2026

9.30am Morning Prayer- St Michael's Church

9.30am Holy Communion- Church of the Ascension, Southam

10.00am Holy Communion-St John the Baptist, Oxenton

11.15am Café Church- St Michael & All Angels

**Next Thursday Morning Communion at St Michael's Church: 7 May at 10.45 am**

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



### Worship Band Night -Monday 11 May - 7.30pm.

Any musicians or singers who are interested in potentially serving in the worship music team at 11.15am services are very welcome to come to St Michael's for a "jamming" evening - playing music and learning some worship songs together. Speak to Ben if you have questions or want a further discussion.



### 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.

Sign up to our Alpha course by scanning the QR code and filling in the form



### Alpha 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 are hoping to start a new course soon: To book a place and indicate your preferences please click here or contact the Church Office.

## CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

### Praise & Play - W/B Monday 4 May

Please note that due to the Bank Holiday on 4 May, Praise & Play won't meet.  
You are welcome to join us on Thursday 7 May.  
Back to normal week beginning Monday 11 May.

### 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)

## WHAT'S ON?

### Friday Night Youth Club – Next Session Friday 1 May

#### 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 life.

Future session dates:

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

Is your child in Year 6? Would they like to come and try out our sessions this term.

If so, please scan the QR code and complete the form.

For more information, please contact Lucy Betts on [lbetts@stmichaelsbishopsleeve.co.uk](mailto:lbetts@stmichaelsbishopsleeve.co.uk)



### Men's Breakfast -Saturday 2 May St Michael's Church 8.30am

Men's breakfast is this Saturday as usual. Half past eight at the church followed by a hearty full English breakfast at the pub. No daffodils, croissants or washing up. Don't miss the best event of the month. 🍷 🔍 🍷 🍷  
Kevin

### Savoury and Sweet Afternoon Tea- Wednesday 6 May 3pm

#### St Michael's Centre Bishop's Cleeve-Theme this Month is May Flowers

We would like to remind and invite you to our regular Savoury and Sweet Afternoon Tea, held on a **Wednesday afternoon** throughout the year. There is plenty of savoury offerings as well as sweet treats so please come and join us to make new friends or reconnect with old ones. If transport is a problem, please call Jacqui on **07799 378121** and she will be able to arrange something for you. Everyone is welcome to this event, so please pass the message on. Upcoming dates are: **3 June, 1 July**. Cost is £3 on arrival. We look forward to seeing you.

### Film at The Methodist Church, Bishops Cleeve

#### Wednesday 6 May at 2pm

You are invited to watch a modern day take on the Resurrection – all welcome.

For more information, please see the 'What's On' section on the Methodist Church website – or contact Andrew Maxwell, email: [Outreach.Andrew@outlook.com](mailto:Outreach.Andrew@outlook.com)

## Bereavement Support Group-Saturday 9 May 10.30am – St Michael’s Centre Bishop’s Cleeve

We meet monthly on the second Saturday of the month 10.30-12noon in St Michael’s Centre. An opportunity to meet with others who have been bereaved for a coffee/tea and chat-come and stay for as long as you wish.

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

Friends of St Martin de Tours Church, will be having a SAUSAGES AND MASH LUNCH at the **Gotherington Old Chapel** on Wednesday, 13 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.

## Save the Date: Sunday 14 June from 12.00 noon (and a request for help) Bishops Cleeve Street Fair, Teddy bear parachute jump and coffee in church

Please put this date in your diaries – more information to follow.

If you are able to help serve teas/coffees at this event, please contact Annie Nixon ([anne.nixon@btinternet.com](mailto:anne.nixon@btinternet.com)) or Fee Hall ([feehall@ymail.com](mailto:feehall@ymail.com))

## 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

### Office Closed-Monday 4 May

Please note that the office will be closed on Monday 4 May.

It will re-open with normal hours on Tuesday 5 May.

## 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’sbishopsclleeve.co.uk](mailto:admin@stmichael’sbishopsclleeve.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.stmichaelsbishopsclleeve.co.uk/world-mission>

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## 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- MAY

#### 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-Replace halogen bulbs with LEDs

**LED Bulbs:** Replace halogen bulbs with LEDs, which use 80% less electricity and last longer.

### 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)

<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
<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. Bible Study at 2.00 pm on the second and fourth 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.

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

Safeguarding: [stmichaelsbishopsleeve.co.uk/safeguarding](http://stmichaelsbishopsleeve.co.uk/safeguarding)

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

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