

Sunday 24 May 2026 Fourth Sunday of May**St Michael's– Southam Readings: Pentecost-Acts 2 (1-13)****WGO- New Purpose Readings: Pentecost-Acts 2 (1-13) John 14 (8-17)****Sunday 24 May 2026****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 Worship St Michael's Church****11.30am Explorers Children's Group St Michael's Centre****Next Thursday Morning Communion at St Michael's Church: 4 June at 10.45 am**For the complete list of services see <https://www.stmichaelsbishopsleeve.co.uk/whats-on>**Teddy Bear Parachute Jump from St Michael's Church Tower
Sunday 14 June 2026**

Is your teddy bear brave enough to jump? Enter your teddy into the annual teddy bear parachute jump from St Michael's Church Tower, at Bishop's Cleeve Street Fair. Registration is £1 on Sunday 14 June between 1 & 2 pm at the church entrance. 3pm will see the launch of the teddies, prizes for best jump, parachute and mishap!

If you can help serve teas/coffees at this event, please contact Annie Nixon

anne.nixon@btinternet.com or Fee Hall feehall@ymail.com

**Friday Night Youth Club – Next Session Friday 22 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 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.

**Worship Band Night -Monday 29 June - 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

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

No Children's Groups Week Beginning Monday 25 May

Please note that due **to half term**, there will be no Praise & Play, Bible Brick Club during that week. Also on the 31st May there will be no Sunday Morning Explorers.

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@stmbsc.uk

WHAT'S ON?

Church on the Hill – 5th Anniversary Picnic Celebration- Sunday 21 June 1pm

Can you believe it's been five years? Born out of the challenges of the Covid pandemic, **Church on the Hill** has grown from a safe way to gather into a deeply loved part of how we worship God together in creation.

To celebrate this wonderful milestone, we are throwing a big picnic—and **everyone** across our communities is invited! Whether you're a regular walker or have never been before, we would love for you to join us.

Sunday 21st June, 1pm

We will meet at Cleeve Hill Golf Club and take only a few steps to a suitable picnic location. Please bring your own picnic, chairs and blanket. Note that parking at the golf club carpark is £2 but you can reclaim that with an ice cream or cuppa! In the event of bad weather, we will meet at St Michael's Church for an indoor picnic, do check out Facebook or the Church on the Hill Whatsapp group for updates.

If you would like to ask any questions, please don't hesitate to email Lucy on lucy@barbour.co or call on 07821580995

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 50th 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

No Central Prayer – Tuesday 26 May

Please note there will be no Central Prayer of Tuesday 26 May as there is a service in Church for the Street Pastors.

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

Vacancy - Recruiting: School Chaplain Connector

We are delighted to announce that we are recruiting a new part-time School Chaplain to serve within Cleeve School and the wider local community. Could this be a job for you or someone you know?

<https://www.stmichaelsbishopsclleeve.co.uk/vacancy>

Office Opening Hours Week Beginning 25 May

Please note the church office will be closed on Monday 25 May. It will re-open Tuesday 26 May with the usual hours of 10am to 2pm.

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 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>

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 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-bishopsclleeve.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. **This week we are holding this for Christian Aid**

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