

Sunday 17 May 2026 Third Sunday of May

St Michael's– Southam Readings: Philippians 2: 19-30 New Friendships
WGO- New Purpose Readings: Philippians 2: 19-30 New Friendships – John 17: 20-26

Sunday 17 May 2026

9.30 am Said Holy Communion - St Michael's Church

10.00 am Church on the Hill - Cleeve Hill

10.00 am Holy Communion - St Martin de Tours, Woolstone

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

Next Thursday Morning Communion at St Michael's Church: 21 May at 10.45 am

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



Ascension Day Service in the Benefice- Thursday 14 May 7.30pm Church of the Ascension, Southam

Please join us for a Holy Communion Service to celebrate The Feast of the Ascension at The Church of the Ascension Southam on Thursday 14 May at 7.30pm.

There will be wine and chocolates after the service.

Everyone is welcome.



Women's Breakfast – Saturday 16 May 2026 – 9.00am 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.



Teddy Bear Parachute Jump from St Michael's Church Tower Sunday 14 June

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!

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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

WHAT'S ON?

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.



For more information, please contact Lucy Betts on lbetts@stmichaelsbishopsclieve.co.uk

Bereavement Support Group- St Michael's Centre Bishop's Cleeve-2nd Saturday of the Month

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.

Church on the Hill – Sunday 17 May 10.00 am – Cleeve Hill

Please join us for Church on the Hill, on Sunday 17 May 10.00am, meeting at Cleeve Hill Golf Course.

Request for Help at Bishop's Cleeve Street Fair, Tea and Coffee in Church

Sunday 14 June from 12.00 noon

If you can help serve teas/coffees at this event, please contact Annie Nixon anne.nixon@btinternet.com or Fee Hall 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 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

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NOTICES

Help Needed for Tea & Coffee THIS SUNDAY 17 MAY

We need two people to help with tea and coffee this Sunday from the 11.15 congregation. You would need to arrive by 10.50 to serve and clear up after the service ends. Please contact Annie Nixon at anne.nixon@btinternet.com or 07967 828092

Christian Aid Week 10 to 16 May 2026

Christian Aid Week is our shared moment to come together – across churches, communities and households – to stand alongside people living in poverty.

For one focused week, thousands of people across Britain and Ireland give, fundraise, pray and act together. This year, what will you do?

This Christian Aid Week, your support could help mothers in Nairobi, Kenya, facing the devastating reality of urban poverty and the daily struggle to feed their children.

Please support this Christian Aid Week. Please scan the QR Codes:



St Michael's



Gotherington

This year, with consultation with local Church leaders, we have decided not to deliver envelopes. However, envelopes can be collected from Church, and we would ask everyone to take three to share with neighbours. If you would like to deliver to your local street, please contact Yvonne on ypenn@christian-aid.org

Coffee Morning to Support Christian Aid:

Friday 15 May in The Old Chapel in Gotherington, there will be **Tea and Cake** from 2pm-4pm.

Wednesday 20 May in the Church Office, there will be tea/coffee and cake from 10am until 11.30am.

At both coffee mornings you will be able to donate to Christian Aid.

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 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>

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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 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

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

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