

Sunday 26 July 2026: 8th Sunday after Trinity (Trinity 8)

St Michael's & Southam Readings: - Blooper Heroes- Deborah- Judges 4: 1-10

WGO-Readings: - Blooper Heroes- Deborah- Judges 4: 1-10

Sunday 26 July 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 Service - (Summer Service Series) St Michael's Church

Next Thursday Morning Communion at St Michael's Church: 6 August at 10.45 am

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



Rectory BBQ

Sunday 26 July – After the 11.15 Service

Bring your camping chairs and come along to the rectory garden to enjoy the BBQ food – Garden Games - a fun afternoon for all the family. **(A polite notice from Hufflepuff – dogs are not permitted at the BBQ).** Meat/alternatives and drinks will be provided by church; there are sign-up sheets going into church this Sunday for other foods to bring and share. If you can't get to St. Michael's to sign-up, please email feehall@ymail.com. If you have a gazebo we can borrow, please let Fee Know, thank you.



Summer Service Series: Heroes and Their Bloopers!

Starting this Sunday at our 11:15am service, we're kicking off a brand-new summer series: **Heroes of the Old Testament... and Their Bloopers!**

Throughout the summer we'll meet some of the Bible's greatest heroes—people who showed incredible faith, courage and obedience. But we'll also discover that they weren't perfect! Alongside their heroic moments, they had times when they made mistakes, got things wrong, and sometimes made a real mess of things. Those are the bloopers!

This will be an **all-age service**, giving us a fantastic opportunity to worship, learn and grow together as one church family. It's a chance for children and adults alike to hear God's story, encourage one another, and for our children to see that church isn't just a place they come to—it's their family and community. So come along this summer as we celebrate the heroes, hear about the bloopers, and discover how God works through imperfect people just like us.

Let's worship, learn and grow together this summer!



Bereavement Journey – starting Monday 14 September 2026

7pm until 9pm at Bishops Cleeve Parish Council Offices

Nat Garrett and Pete Muir are hosting a series of evenings based on the Bereavement Journey starting Monday 14 September, (and these following dates, 21 September, 28 September, 5 October, 12 October, 19 October and 26 October).

The Bereavement Journey® is an award-winning series of films and discussion groups that gently guides people bereaved at any time through the most common aspects of grief and bereavement, enabling them to process the implications for themselves and discern next steps. If you would like to join us, please scan the QR code, or contact the church office at: admin@stmichaelsbishopsleeve.co.uk or Tel: 07354 874617



CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Outdoor Worship & Prayer

Looking for easy, fun ways to keep the kids entertained and connected to faith this summer? The Church on the Hill team at St Michael & All Angels has launched a 6-week Outdoor Worship & Prayer guide! Perfect for the summer holidays, each week offers a simple nature activity, a short Bible reading, and a creative outdoor prayer—from sound mapping to a wild scavenger hunt. Scan the QR code for further details.



Children's Groups Resume in September

Please note that Praise and Play (In Bishop's Cleeve and Gotherington) and Bible Brick Club have now finished for this year. A big thank you to all our dedicated volunteers for another successful year of spreading the message of God's love to our younger generation. We look forward to welcoming everyone back week beginning 7 September 2026. Have a great summer.

Jungle explorers Holiday Club-SOLD OUT!

Our Jungle Explorers Holiday Club is now sold out. If you wish to be added to the waiting list, please contact Lucy Betts on lbetts@stmichaelsbishopsclleeve.co.uk

Fans for Holiday Club

As Holiday Club draws closer, we are also aware that it's going to be very hot. If anyone has a fan that they can lend us for the three days that Holiday Club is on we would be very grateful.

Thanks Lucy

WHAT'S ON?

Alpha Course

We are looking to run an Alpha course in September, if you are willing to open your home to host, or would like to lead a group, please contact either Ben Williams on ben@stmhc.uk or the office on admin@stmhc.uk.

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!!

NOTICES

New Database System in the Office

We have recently signed up for a new system for the church, called iknow Church. It will hopefully make life much easier for everyone, particularly us in the office, but it is taking time to set this up and we are running it alongside our current system. This will mean that those of you who are on rotas will have already been receiving 'reminder' emails for the rota, **these are personalised and are legitimate**. More information to follow.

New Range of Summer Jams and Marmalades for Sale

Beryl has been very busy and supplied a wonderful range of summer fruit jams and marmalades. There is also a variety of chutneys available from the church office. All money raised supports the St Michael's Centre.

Homelands Community Centre- Community Consultation Open Now!

As you may be aware the homelands centre has been handed over to Move More (MM) for management. A six-week community consultation is now open, giving people the chance to share what activities, services and opportunities they would like to see offered at the centre. Can we please encourage you to express your desires for the use of the building, including church use. The consultation closes on Friday 21 August.

It is a short form that can be found using this link: <https://tewkesbury.gov.uk/homelands-welcomes-move-more-community-consultation-and-community-events-announced/>

Please do take time to fill this in. Where it asks what you'd like to see happening there are many good options that we as a church could provide, but under other we could also suggest a "new Christian worshiping community". Please know that this doesn't tie us into anything but does enable us to start the conversation. I will leave it with you, if you feel that there are others you know that would like to have a voice about this please do forward this email on. Ben Williams and Lucy Betts

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

Thursday Morning Communion - St Michael's Church at 10.45 am

From August, these services will be on the first Thursday of the month, the next month's being:

Thursday 6th August

Thursday 3rd September

Thursday 1st October

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>

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**

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- JULY

Terra-cycling-Please Note:

Boxes are always available in the church porch and the church office to recycle empty blister packs and plastic biscuit/cake wrappers. Please contact Ro Hunt for further information ro.hunt60@gmail.com

Our Energy Saving Tip This Month- Dry Clothes Naturally

Dry Clothes Naturally: Tumble dryers are among the heaviest energy consumers. Hang your laundry outside in the July weather to dry for free.

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. (See below)**
Bible Study at 2.00 pm on the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

Saturday: Coffee mornings 10am - 12 noon as announced.

No Film Club in August

Please note that there will be no film club in August. It will be resumed in September.

Keep up to date with church news, diary dates and more on our website.

www.stmichaelsbishopsclleeve.co.uk

Service times: stmichaelsbishopsclleeve.co.uk/worship-services

Safeguarding: stmichaelsbishopsclleeve.co.uk/safeguarding

Church Office: stmichaelsbishopsclleeve.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

[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

Different
ways to pray
at St
Michael's

