

Sunday 23 August 2026: 12th Sunday after Trinity (Trinity 12)

St Michael's & Southam Readings: - Blooper Heroes- Jeremiah 1: 1-10, 14-19

WGO-Readings: - Blooper Heroes- Jeremiah 1: 1-10, 14-19

Sunday 23 August 2026

9.30am Breakfast Church - Southam Village Hall

9.30am Holy Communion - St Michael's Church

10.00am Café Church - Gotherington Old Chapel

11.15am Summer Service Series (Contemporary) - St Michael's Church

Next Thursday Morning Communion at St Michael's Church: 3 September at 10.45 am

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



**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



**Patronal Festival Weekend Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 September
Macmillan Coffee Morning -Saturday 26 September 2026**

St Michael & All Angels 9am to 12 Noon

Please join us to raise money for the Macmillan Cancer Charity. Enjoy refreshments while supporting the 3.5 million people in the UK living with cancer, from the moment they are diagnosed, throughout treatment and beyond.

Patronal Choral Evensong – Sunday 27 September 2026

St Michael & All Angels 4pm

Join us for song, prayer and reflection in celebration of St Michael our Patron Saint. Refreshments will be served, everyone is welcome.



Maggie & John Celebration – 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 17 September at 7.30pm in your diaries, for a drinks reception at St Michael's to thank them and celebrate them!!

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Holiday Club – What an Adventure!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with holiday club this year, it was a great success and this was achieved by the generosity of everyone who gave their time and commitment. Please scan the QR code to see all the fun we had.



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.

WHAT'S ON?

Safeguarding Training Monday 14 September 1pm – St Michael's Church

The Gloucestershire Diocese requires everyone who works as a volunteer within the church needs to have the "Basic Awareness Safeguarding Training". If you have any doubt as to whether you need to complete this training, please speak to your group leader. Lucy Betts will be running a session in St Michael's Church on Monday 14th September at 1pm for anyone who needs to complete the training and would prefer to watch the presentation and discuss as a group rather than logging on at home to access the training. However, if you prefer to do the training independently, please contact the office and we will send you the details and assist you as necessary.

Connect Chatter – Every Friday-Community Hall 1 (next to Bishops Cleeve Library)

Every Friday 11am to 1pm – 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.

Affirmation of Lay Ministry – Saturday 19 September 2026

Gloucester Cathedral – 12.30 – 4.00pm

You are invited to attend the new look Diocesan Affirmation of Lay Ministry with Admission and Licensing of Readers at **Gloucester Cathedral** on **Saturday 19 September 2026**. The new 'Celebration' format will see the licensing and admission of Readers taking place within a context of a broader celebration of lay ministry. No booking required, turn up from 12.30pm and enjoy the afternoon of celebration! See:

<https://gloucester.anglican.org/event/celebration-of-lay-ministry-with-the-admission-and-licensing-of-readers-2026/>

Alpha Course – can you help?

We are getting more people signing up to Alpha and it is possible that we will get more after Holiday Club.

If you are willing to open your home to host, or would like to lead a group, with a start date in September, please contact either Ben Williams on ben@stmbsc.uk or the office on admin@stmbsc.uk

Worship Band Night -Monday 28 September - 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.

NOTICES

Services in WGO for September 2026

For the service rotas to be manageable it is essential for Tim and Ben to be able to take two services on a Sunday morning. In order to facilitate this we need to trial having all WGO services at 9.30 am, this will be trialled during September and a final decision made at the October WGO PCC meeting.

Change of Office Opening Hours – August

Please note that the Church Office will be open 10am -2pm as usual during August. However, there will be no one in the office after 2pm in the afternoon or on a Wednesday or Friday throughout August. We will however, have our work phones on until 4pm. Kate: 07354 874617 Tracy: 07871602525.

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 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@stmichaelsbishopsleeve.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 - AUGUST

Terra-cycling-Please Note:

We will be unable to collect any more biscuit and cake wrappers for the Terracycling scheme in the future. The Cheltenham drop off point is no longer available. The good news is that all these wrappers can still be recycled in the soft plastic collection bin in Tesco.

Blister packs **can still be brought for recycling**. Boxes available in the church porch and the parish office. Thankyou Ro

Our Energy Saving Tip This Month

Carry a **reusable water bottle** to avoid plastic waste. Reduce your usage by refilling a reusable water bottle to keep you hydrated all summer long.

Use the shade to keep cool. Save energy and buffer the sun's heat with blinds, heavy curtains, and shade from trees.

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 resume in September.

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

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

[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

