

Sunday 16 August 2026: 11th Sunday after Trinity (Trinity 11)

St Michael's & Southam Readings: - Blooper Heroes- Jonah 2: 1-10 'Disobedience!'
WGO-Readings: - Blooper Heroes- Jonah 2: 1-10 'Disobedience!' Matthew 15: 21-28

Sunday 16 August 2026

9.30am Said Holy Communion - St Michael's Church

10.00am Church on the Hill – Southam Church

10.00am Holy Communion - St Martin de Tours, Woolstone

11.15am Contemporary Worship (Summer Service Series) - 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>



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



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

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.

Thank you for Cooling Fans

Holiday Club would like to thank everyone who lent them cooling fans. They have made a tremendous difference to the comfort of the children and volunteers. We have had a great week and the fans were very much appreciated.

WHAT'S ON?

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@stmabc.uk or the office on admin@stmabc.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 17 September at 7.30pm in your diaries, for a drinks reception at St Michael's to thank them and celebrate them!!

Save the Date – 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.

Save the Date – Patronal Festival Evensong -Sunday 27 September 2026

St Michael & All Angels Church 4pm

Join us for an evening of Choral Evensong to celebrate St Michael our patron saint. Refreshments will be provided.

NOTICES

Central Prayer – Tuesday 18 August – **CANCELLED**

Please note there will be no central prayer meeting on Tuesday 18 August, due to a funeral at St Michael's.

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.

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 worshipping 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.

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>

Thank you from the North Cotswold Food Bank

North Cotswold Food Bank together with Trussell would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has donated food or money during April – June 2026. In total your donations came to 371.8kg of food.

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:

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

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.

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

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-bishopscleeve.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.

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

