

Sunday 27 September 2026: 17th Sunday after Trinity : Worship: Our Delight

St Michael's Readings: 9.30 am at St Michael's: Psalm 147 Matthew 18:1-6 10

11.15 am: Psalm 147

WGO-Readings: - Worship: Our Delight Psalm 147

Sunday 27 September 2026

9.30am Holy Communion - St Michael's Church

9.30am Breakfast Church - Southam Village Hall

9.30am Café Church - The Old Chapel, Gotherington

11.15am Contemporary Worship - St Michael's Church

4.00pm Patronal Festival Choral Evensong - St Michael's Church

Next Thursday Morning Communion at St Michael's Church: 1 October at 10.45 am

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

**Vision 2030
Progress Update
Sept 2026**



Vision 2030 Progress Update

For those who weren't able to be at our services on Sunday - or who wish to review the Vision 2030 presentations in more details - you can see the finance presentation and the Vision Progress Presentation by scanning the QR code.



Please do review and prayerfully consider if you might be being called to help with any aspect of the Vision. Many thanks Tim



**Women's Breakfast – St Michael's Church
Saturday 10 October at 9am**

Our speaker is Sallie Mumford who will be sharing about her journey of Grief, Hope and Discovery with The Lord.

All women welcome so do come and enjoy a morning of blessing and fellowship.



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

St Michael & All Angels 10am 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. There will also be a book and cake stall. Any donations of books or cakes will be gratefully received. **If you are**

available to help with the coffee morning, please contact Fee Hall. There is now a sign up sheet at the back of church if you are able to make a cake for the Coffee Morning.

**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.

St Michael's at Prayer

There are lots of different ways we pray at St Michael's, scan the QR code to find out different ways of praying.



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CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Request for Nativity Costumes

Do you have any nativity costumes that are too small for your children? If they are in good condition, we would be very grateful for them for our Christmas events. Please email Lucy Betts on lbetts@stmbsc.uk or message on 07756101782. Thank you

WHAT'S ON?

Bereavement Journey – next session: Monday 28 September 2026

7pm until 9pm at Bishops Cleeve Parish Council Offices

Our Bereavement Journey continues: 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@stmichaelsbishopsclleeve.co.uk or Tel: 07354 874617

Centering Prayer – every Wednesday at 4pm

Church of the Ascension, Southam

I am sure that not everyone has had the opportunity to experience, the silent practice of Centering Prayer. All welcome to join us.



Following the approval of Tim and his clergy team, along with the PCC, we have started the practice of Centring prayer here at Southam/St Michael's, we gather at our church in silence at 4pm on Wednesdays, and finish at 4.30pm. During this time we start with a short reflection, from then we begin our silence, silent prayer is primarily reconnecting to God as Jesus asked us to do, 'Go into your room and close the door, and listen, listen to God by inclining the Ear of your Heart'.

It is not easy to keep a silent mind, a friend once wrote, "I use prayer as the umbrella word for any interior journey, or practice that allows you to experience Faith, Hope, and Love within yourself". John Donovan
For more information about Centering Prayer, please scan the QR code.

Central Prayer – St Michael's Church

every Tuesday at 12.00 noon

Come and join us for weekly prayer – usually led by a member of clergy – all welcome.

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.

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.

Friends of St Martin de Tours Church Woolstone – 'JUST DESSERTS'

Saturday 24 October in Gotherington Village Hall

An entertainment offering monologues, sketches and a melodrama from 'Bishop's Cleeve' Players, on Saturday 24 October in Gotherington Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm (doors open at 7.15pm). During the interval a selection of desserts will be offered along with wine and soft drinks.

Tickets, priced at £12.50 will be on sale from the start of September from: George Lewis Shoe Shop, Jean Wickens (01242 679345) or the Church Office.

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. 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.

A Huge Thank You from John and Maggie

We would like to say a huge thank you to all those who were involved in creating such a wonderful celebration evening for us last Thursday. We were overwhelmed by all the very kind messages, cards and gifts we received. A special thank you to Annie for the wonderful cake and to Fi and all the team who provided food and drinks, and not forgetting those who helped to set up and clear up afterwards. We would also like to say thank you to the choir and Will for the music at the 9.30am Sunday service – much of which had very personal significance for us. The hymn they sang during the administration of communion is one that is sang at every ordination. The voluntary played at the end of the service was the piece that was played as we walked out of the church at the end of our wedding 50 years ago.

With our love,

John and Maggie

Harvest across the Benefice

Our Harvest services this year are:

Sun 4 October: 9.30am - Harvest Morning Prayer at St Michael's Church
11.15am - Harvest Contemporary Service at St Michael's
9.30am - Harvest Holy Communion St John the Baptist Oxenton
Sun 11 October: 3.00 pm - Harvest Extravaganza at Gotherington Village Hall
Sun 25 October: 9.30 am - Harvest Breakfast Church, Southam Village Hall

Harvest Appeal-Help Support Your Food Bank This Harvest

Please donate an item or two from our shopping list to support your community, it will be greatly received: **Tined meat/fish, tinned veg/fruit, cooking sauces, coffee/tea, milk (long life) fruit juice (long life), rice pudding/custard, jam/spread, tinned potatoes, table sauces.** For more information regarding the food bank please scan the QR Code:



<https://northcotswold.foodbank.org.uk/>

Bring a coin and a can for Harvest

When coming to one of our services, please bring a can with a £1 coin attached – so we can donate money as well as food to the North Cotswold Foodbank.

Introducing Phoebe Titley!

Phoebe is serving as an intern with St Michaels over the coming year for some 32 hours a week. The PCC have paid for her course fees to enable her to receive training in Christian leadership and discipleship - specifically around Youth Work and Worship Leading. We see this course as an investment in her and in the future of God's kingdom - rather than a paid job. As such, her course fees are covered and she remains living with her parents - but part of her serving this year, is fund-raising for some living expenses. If you felt you could sponsor her that would be wonderful (!) - please do get in touch with Tim. To learn about Phoebe and her story, please scan the QR code to read her blog.



SAFETY COURSES

Being careful and caring of our welfare, the PCC has authorised some safety training in October. There is a course for Fire Safety, including the use of extinguishers. There is also a First Aid course, including resuscitation and the use of a defibrillator. Both are accredited courses, run by approved organisations, leading to a certificate. Several of us have already signed up for these courses. At the time of writing this, there are just 3 spaces left on each course. If you think you would like to serve our church and our community by doing the training in either or both of these areas, or if you would like to obtain more information, please contact Ann Jessop on 07974037668 or ann.jessop@btopenworld.com by 30th September. We look forward to hearing from you.

- A Fire Safety course (3.5 hours). Weds 21st Oct 9.30am in St Michael's church.
- A First Aid course (6.5hours). Fri 23rd Oct 9.30am in St Michael's church.

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 1 October and Thursday 5 November.

Anna Chaplaincy-Christmas Craft – Snowman Knitting Project 2026

The Anna Chaplaincy Christmas Craft this year is a snowman knitting project. If you would like to knit for this charity, there will be some copies of the pattern at the back of the church with a box to put in your finished snowmen. All snowmen need to be put in the box or handed into the church office, no later than 27 November 2026.

Watch Sermons on YouTube

Visit the channel here: <https://youtu.be/RjbH3bo5jb8> or scan the QR code:



UPCOMING FUNERALS

25/09/2026 1pm James William Edward Wilson (Eddie) - St Michael's Church
30/09/2026 1pm Alan Richards – St Michael's Church
01/10/2026 10am Nigel Smith – Cheltenham Crematorium Willow Chapel
01/10/2026 12pm Margaret Salter – St Michael's Church

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Help required for Sunday 27 September for serving coffee

We need 2 people for the normal coffee group 10.45am to serve and, after 11.15am service to wash & clear up. We also need 1 person for the Patronal Evensong on 27 September, service at 4pm..

Would You Like to Volunteer?

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 - SEPTEMBER

Terra-cycling-Please Note:

Cake and biscuit wrappers can 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.

Our Energy Saving Tip This Month

Boil smarter: Only fill the kettle with the exact amount of water you need for your hot drinks.
Wash at lower temperatures: Run your washing machine on a 30-degree cycle and try to cut down by one wash per week.

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.

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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

