THE CHURCHES OF

St Michael All Angels

Southam, Woolstone, Gotherington & Oxenton

Sunday 1 November 2026
1st Sunday of November

St Michael's Readings – Worship: Our Anchor and Destination Revelation 4 (1-11)
9.30am Additional Reading: 1 John 3: (1-3)
WGO-Readings - Worship: Our Anchor and Destination Revelation 4 (1-11) Matthew 5 (1-12)

Sunday 1 November 2026

9.30 am Morning Prayer - St Michael's Church
9.30 am Holy Communion - Church of the Ascension, Southam
9.30 am Holy Communion - St John the Baptist, Oxenton
11.15 am Contemporary Service - St Michael's Church
3.30 pm All Souls Service - St Michael's Church

Next Thursday Morning Communion at St Michael's Church: 5 November at 10.45 am
For the complete list of services see https://www.stmichaelsbishopscleeve.co.uk/whats-on



All Souls Memorial Service
Sunday 1 November 2026 at 3.30 pm
St Michael's Church

A service of Thanksgiving and remembering loved ones who have died in recent times and provide comfort for those who mourn. There will be cards for you to complete with the names/s of your loved ones which will be collected and taken to the font during the service. Followed by refreshments and chat. All warmly welcome.



Can You Help? Light up the Night – Saturday 31 October 2026 - St Michael's Church – 3pm – 5pm

We're looking for volunteers to help us put on a Family Fun Afternoon:
Helping with activities – supervising inflatables and games – welcoming families – supporting craft stations. All volunteers will need a current DBS check and to have completed safeguarding training.

We are looking for volunteers to help move chairs in the church on **Saturday 31 October at 11:00am** in preparation for the Family Fun Afternoon. We also need help **after the event at 6:00pm** to reset the church ready for Sunday services.

Please Pray Too!

Even if you're unable to help on the day, we would greatly value your prayers:

For the safety of everyone attending - For the volunteers and activities - For families in our community - That God's love and light will shine brightly throughout the afternoon

If you can help in any way, or would like more information, please email: **lbetts@stmbc.uk** or 07756 101782
Let's work together to create a fun, welcoming afternoon that shares the light of Christ with our community!



Responding to Our Thanksgiving Gift Day

Dear Friends – You may decide that you can't give very much - or indeed anything at all, but I am asking all of us to consider, prayerfully and as generously as possible, how to respond to last Sunday's Thanksgiving Gift Day. You can download the Response Form by scanning the QR code

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Once you've filled in your pledge, please return it either to one of the clergy or to Tim Powell, our Treasurer – or you can put it in the Collection plate - or in big chest at the back of church. With huge thanks Tim.

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CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Children's Groups Resume

All children's groups resume this Sunday 1 November. All other children's groups will resume on 2 November.

WHAT'S ON

Services for Remembrance Sunday - Sunday 8 November

9.30am Holy Communion – St Michael & All Angels Bishop's Clee
10.45am Remembrance Service – Bishop's Cleeve War Memorial
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(for people who would find standing for a long time at the war memorial difficult)
There will be refreshments served in St Michael's Church following the 10.45 am services
10.45am Remembrance Service – Gotherington Wal Memorial
3.00 pm Remembrance Service – Southam War Memorial

Light up the Night- Saturday 31 October 2026

St Michael's Church: 3pm – 5pm-Family Fun Afternoon at St Michael's Church

Halloween can be a difficult time for many families, with the pressure of costumes, trick-or-treating, and celebrations that don't always reflect the values we want to share with our children. This year, why not do something different?

Join us for a fantastic Family Fun Afternoon where we'll enjoy laughter, activities, friendship, and fun, while sharing God's love and shining His light into our community on what is often considered a dark day. What's Happening?

🎈 Bouncy Castle 🤸 Inflatable Fun 🎨 Family Crafts 🎲 Games and Activities
🍖 Treats and Surprises 😊 Fun for all ages

Come and enjoy an afternoon packed with excitement, creativity, and community as we celebrate the hope and light that Jesus brings.

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.

Save the Date: Saturday 14 November- St Michael's Centre Christmas Market 2026

Donations Needed:
If you've items that you no longer need, please donate them.
What we need:
Unwanted Gifts-new or unused
Toiletries-Unopened
Jewellery-Unwanted in any condition (old or new)
Books & Toys-Adults/children books, toys in good condition
Household goods-clean useful items in saleable condition
Bric a Brac-good quality items suitable for sale

How to Donate: You can drop off your items to St Michael's Church Porch or St Michael's Centre Office (GL52 8LL)

NOTICES

Stewards

Our Sunday services are very well served by our volunteer stewards who do a duty once a month. They have been carefully and thoroughly trained. They know where everything is. They know how to turn everything on and how to turn everything off. They look after the clergy and the people. They soon get to know many people. Stewards for the 9.30am service have rather different duties from those who look after the 11.15am service. Ideally, we like our stewards to work in pairs, so they can look out for each other, but because we do not have enough people, the 11.15am services at present are mostly served by a lone steward. In a few weeks, we will not even have enough people to have one steward for each 11.15am service. We appeal today to those who love the 11.15am service. If you think you are called to serve in this way, we would like you to start learning now, and be ready for duty in January 2027. If you would like to know more please contact Ann Jessop on T: 07974037668 or ann.jessop@btopenworld.com or Kevin Sadler at cw@stmichaelsbishopscleeve.co.uk T: 07821368590 Thank you and God Bless.

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Trees in St Michael's Churchyard

Sadly, several trees in the churchyard have not survived this summer's drought and must be removed for safety reasons. In due course, we will plant new trees to replace them.

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.**

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 (!) To so this, please scan the QR code for details.

Watch Sermons on YouTube

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

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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.stmichaelsbishopscleeve.co.uk/world-mission**

ECO-CHURCH - NOVEMBER

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

Master your thermostat: Set your thermostat comfortably between 18°C and 20°C; dropping it by just 1°C can save a noticeable amount on your yearly energy bill.

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.

Keep up to date with church news, diary dates and more on our website.
www.stmichaelsbishopscleeve.co.uk
Service times: stmichaelsbishopscleeve.co.uk/worship-services
Safeguarding: stmichaelsbishopscleeve.co.uk/safeguarding
Church Office: stmichaelsbishopscleeve.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/@StMichaelsBishopsCleeveChurch Office
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

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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Centring prayer at Church of the Ascension, Southam at 4pm every Wednesday

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