THE CHURCHES OF

St Michael All Angels

Southam, Woolstone, Gotherington & Oxenton

Sunday 22 November 2026
4th Sunday of November

St Michael's Readings – Worship: A Discipline-Hebrews 10 (19-25)
WGO-Readings - Worship: A Discipline-Hebrews 10 (19-25)

Sunday 22 November 2026

9.30am Holy Communion - St Michael's Church
9.30am Breakfast Church-Southam Village Hall
9.30am Morning Praise - The Old Chapel, Gotherington
11.15am Contemporary Worship - St Michael's Church
1.00pm Baptism of Ruari Hughes - St Michael's Church
Next Thursday Morning Communion at St Michael's Church: 3 December at 10.45 am
For the complete list of services see https://www.stmichaelsbishopscleeve.co.uk/whats-on



Christmas in Cleeve Benefice

Please visit our "Christmas in Cleeve Benefice" page on our website for all the information regarding services and activities over the Christmas period, scan the QR code or visit our website as below:
https://www.stmichaelsbishopscleeve.co.uk/christmasincleevebenefice



HUGE THANKS!!

Very many thanks to all those who responded to our "Thanksgiving Gift Day" last month.

Tim Powell, our Treasurer, has collated all our contributions, and added the Gift Aid where possible, and the total currently comes to £33,000.

This more than covers the shortfall that Tim had projected - and is a wonderful expression of generosity, worship and trust in God for the future of our Church family. I am hugely grateful to you all!! Tim Garrett



Experience Christmas

Experience Christmas is almost here! This is a wonderful opportunity to share the real story of Christmas with children from our local schools.
How can you help?
Pray for the children, school staff and volunteers taking part, and that everyone remains well throughout the week.
Volunteer: If you have a church DBS and could help, we still have gaps on **Monday morning** and **Wednesday afternoon**. Please speak to Lucy Betts or email lbetts@stmbc.uk if you can help.

Joseph's Workshop Needs You!
We're creating a brand-new interactive area this year and are looking to borrow:

- A wooden workbench (from 29 November for one week)
- A bucketful of sawdust or wood shavings
- Wood off-cuts for the display

If you can help with any of these items, please contact Lucy at lbetts@stmbc.uk.
Thank you for helping us create a memorable Experience Christmas for local children! Lucy Betts

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WHAT'S ON

Christmas Light Switch on-Saturday 21 November 4pm to 7pm – St Michael's Church

We are offering mulled wine and chocolates during the Christmas Light Switch on. Would you be available to spare an hour to help during this time, or even stay for the whole time? If so, please contact Fee Hall on feehall@ymail.com

Worship Band Night -Monday 23 November - 7.30pm.
St Michael's Church

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.

We will be practising for Cakes and Carols during this Worship Night Evening. All are welcome, but if you are planning to attend, please contact Ben on ben@stmbc.uk to let him know and he will send you the music.

Peoples Emergency Briefing

Transition Cleeve are hosting the Peoples Emergency Briefing Film on the climate and nature crisis, on Thursday 26th November at 7.30 at Bishops Cleeve Library.

This is a hard-hitting film that highlights the problems worldwide being created by global warming. The film is delivered by independent experts to signal to the public that this is a situation of the utmost importance and bring it to public attention.

A Parliament Debate took place on Monday afternoon following a petition of nearly 135,000 signatures. Watching this film will re-enforce your understanding of earth's huge problems.

Tickets are Free by going onto the link: https://www.tickettailor.com/events/transitioncleeve

Cleeve Chorale-A Christmas Celebration
Saturday 5 December 7.30pm

Please join us for an evening of celebration and cheer. Cleeve Chorale will be joined by the children from Woodmancote School for an evening of carols and seasonal music.

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.

NOTICES

Centring Prayer-Southam

There will be **no Centring Prayer meeting next Wednesday 25 November**.
We will restart on Wednesday 2 December at a new time of 3:30pm - 4pm, this time will continue for the winter.

Calling All Who Love the 11.15 Service.

Part of the joy of our Sunday worship, is the welcome and good management provided by our faithful stewards. Our Sunday services are very well served by our volunteers 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 contemporary worship. 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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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**

Thank you from the Foodbank

Thank you from the food bank for the incredible 4kg of food donated recently.

The North Cotswold Foodbank is getting busier each year, and we have been able to feed many local families who have found themselves in desperate need. The majority of our clients are low income, working families and they are all deeply grateful.

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 3.30pm every Wednesday from 2 December 2026

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