THE CHURCHES OF

St Michael All Angels

Southam, Woolstone, Gotherington & Oxenton

Sunday 8 November 2026
2nd Sunday of November

St Michael's Readings – Remembrance Sunday John 15 (9-17)
WGO-Readings Remembrance Sunday John 15 (9-17)

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9.30am Holy Communion for Remembrance - St Michael's Church
9.30am Morning Prayer - Church of the Ascension, Southam
10.45am Remembrance Service- Gotherington War Memorial
10.45am Remembrance Service (Inside) Followed by music and refreshments - St Michael's Church
10.45am Remembrance Service (outside) War Memorial - Bishop's Cleeve War Memorial
3.00am Remembrance Service - Southam War Memorial

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



Services for Remembrance Sunday - Sunday 8 November

9.30am Holy Communion – St Michael & All Angels Bishop's Cleeve
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



St Michael's Centre Christmas Market 2026 - Saturday 14 November 10am – 1.30pm

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)

Request for Homemade cakes/traybakes/biscuits for cake stall

We would really appreciate donations of homemade cakes/traybakes/biscuits for the cake stall. They can be brought to the centre of Friday afternoon from 2-5pm or on the day.



Responding to Our Thanksgiving Gift Day

SCAN ME

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

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

No Children's Groups Sunday 8 November

Please note there will be no children's groups this Sunday due to Remembrance Services across the benefice.

Light Up the Night-Thankyou

Thank you to everyone who made Saturday afternoon a huge success. To see how much fun we had please scan the QR code

WHAT'S ON

Safeguarding Training- Monday 16 November, 1.00pm St Michael and All Angels

Safeguarding is vital to our church life. If your role requires Church of England safeguarding training, please ensure it is renewed every three years.

If online training isn't for you, our next in-person session is:

Monday 16 November, 1.00pm

St Michael and All Angels

To book a place, please contact **Lucy Betts** at lbetts@stmbc.uk or the office at dbs@stmichaelsbishopscleeve.co.uk. Please let us know if you plan to attend. Lucy Betts

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.

Men's Breakfast-Saturday 7 November 8.30am

The men's group will be meeting on Saturday 8.30am in St Michael's Church, we will be in the church until 10am before going for our usual breakfast. Everyone welcome.

Church on the Hill – Sunday 15 November at 10am

Meet at Cleeve Hill Golf Club

Terry will be leading us in contemplative photography on November's Church on the Hill.

Contemplative photography is about taking photos of whatever you feel like taking. Then, as you look at the images you have taken, you reflect on what you were thinking or feeling that made you want to take it.

As you take a slow walk from the Golf Club towards the Washpool, you will be looking at and thinking about the Autumn colours around you. And it's not just the leaves to see, there are colourful flowers and berries, and if you are lucky, brightly coloured fungi. So, grab your camera or your phone and join us.

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.

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.

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.

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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.



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

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