

Sunday 12 July 2026: 6th Sunday after Trinity (Trinity 6)

St Michael's—Readings: - Psalm 23-John 10: 7-18

Southam-Readings: - 23-John 10: 7-18

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9.30am Holy Communion - St Michael's Church

9.30am Holy Communion - Church of the Ascension, Southam

10.00am Morning Praise - The Old Chapel, Gotherington

11.15am Contemporary Worship - St Michael's Church

1.00pm Baptism of Max Stewart Carr - St Michael's Church

Next Thursday Morning Communion at St Michael's Church: 16 July at 10.45 am

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



Rectory BBQ

Sunday 26 July – After the 11.15 Service

Bring your camping chairs and come along to the rectory garden to enjoy the BBQ food – Garden Games - a fun afternoon for all the family. **(A polite notice from Hufflepuff – dogs are not permitted at the BBQ).**

Meat/alternatives and drinks will be provided by church; there are sign-up sheets going into church this Sunday for other foods to bring and share. If you can't get to St. Michael's to sign-up, please email feehall@ymail.com. If you have a gazebo we can borrow, please let Fee Know, thank you.



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@stmichaelsbishopsclleeve.co.uk or Tel: 07354 874617

Sign up to our Alpha course by scanning the QR code and filling in the form



Alpha Course

We are looking to run an Alpha course in September, if you are willing to open your home to host, or would like to lead a group, please contact either Ben Williams on ben@stmbc.uk or the office on admin@stmbc.uk.



Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone's welcome – those of no faith, some faith or different faith. It's not about 'church' or rituals ... it's about discovery ... and relationship

To book a place and indicate your preferences scan the QR code in the logo or contact the Church Office.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Jungle explorers Holiday Club-SOLD OUT!

Our Jungle Explorers Holiday Club is now sold out. If you wish to be added to the waiting list, please contact Lucy Betts on lbetts@stmichaelsbishopsclleeve.co.uk

Friday Night Youth Club – Next Session Friday 10 July

Gotherington Old Chapel 7pm to 8.30pm

Our youth group meets every other Friday during term time it is open to young people in years 7-13.

Each session is packed with fun activities, including games, engaging discussions, and plenty of time to hang out over a hot chocolate and snacks. We aim to support and inspire young people, empowering them in their faith and personal life.

Future session date: Sunday 19 July

Is your child in Year 6? Would they like to come and try out our sessions this term. If so, please scan the QR code and complete the form.



WHAT'S ON?

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 17th September at 7.30pm in your diaries, for a drinks reception at St Michael's to thank them and celebrate them!!

NOTICES

Chaplaincy Announcement: Appointment of Revd Lucy Barbour

Following a strong field of shortlisted candidates, interviews for the Chaplaincy School Connector role at Cleeve School were held on 23rd June.

The interview panel included representatives from the Diocese, the school, and St Michael's, alongside the valuable involvement of five students and six additional staff and volunteers, all of whom contributed feedback to the process.

Across this wide and rigorous discernment, it was unanimously agreed that Revd Lucy Barbour was the strongest candidate. We are delighted that Lucy has accepted the role.

Details regarding the shape of this employment and how it will relate to Lucy's ministry within the benefice are still being worked through, and further updates will be shared in due course.

We give thanks to God for a thorough and prayerful process, and for leading Lucy to this new opportunity. Please join us in praying for her as she begins this important ministry at Cleeve School.

A Benefice Celebration

The Company of St Kynebourga

Vera Goodhind was admitted to the Company at a service at Gloucester Cathedral on Tuesday, 16 June in recognition of her long and faithful service to the church in the Diocese of Gloucester. Michael Bower was unable to attend due to a long-term commitment but received his Certificate and Company Medal at a recent service.

The Company of St Kynebourga

Created in 2013, the Company of St Kynebourga is a group of people who have served the Diocese of Gloucester with distinction in a way that many wish to honour. Members of the Company are nominated by Area Deans, Diocesan Officers and many other people. People are admitted to the Company by the Bishop and receive their badge of membership at a service in the Cathedral. The annual service of the Company will normally be near to St Kynebourga's Day on the 25 June. This year's service took place on Tuesday, 16 June.

Read Lucy's Faith Journey

Please take a moment to read Lucy's blog and learn more about her faith journey:

[What is God doing in my Life?](#)

Would you like to share your own faith journey?

If Lucy's question at the end of her blog has prompted you to reflect on your own story, we would love to hear from you. Please send your piece to the office, along with a photo of yourself or an image that is meaningful to your journey.



Ageing Gracefully- Practical Theology in Later Life

A free six session course exploring the joys and challenges of growing old from a Christian and Biblical perspective. Scan the QR code for details.



Mission Sunday - Thank You

For information about our Mission Sunday last week, please scan the QR code:



Thursday Morning Communion

St Michael's Church at 10.45 am

Please make a note of the next few dates for the Thursday morning communion service.

Thursday 16th July

From August, these services will be on the first Thursday of the month, the next month's being:

Thursday 6th August

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>

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.](#)

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

ECO-CHURCH- JULY

Terra-cycling-Please Note:

Tea & coffee scheme ended; Only Pringles tubes with metal bases are accepted now (the fully cardboard tubes and the plastic lid can now go in kerbside recycling and the seal in waste.) Cake and biscuit wrappers are still okay. Terra cycling boxes are available in the office and in church every week. See the lists attached for acceptable items. Please contact Ro by email at ro.hunt60@gmail.com to arrange collection.

Our Energy Saving Tip This Month- Dry Clothes Naturally

Dry Clothes Naturally: Tumble dryers are among the heaviest energy consumers. Hang your laundry outside in the July weather to dry for free.

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. 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.stmichaelsbishopsleeve.co.uk

Service times: stmichaelsbishopsleeve.co.uk/worship-services

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Church Office: stmichaelsbishopsleeve.co.uk/contact

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[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