



Sunday 18th October 2026 - Response Form

Over recent years we have talked about our financial giving as a normal part of our worshipping life, as we express our gratitude to God for all He has done for us - and all that He has entrusted to us. We are having our annual focus on this aspect of our Discipleship during October. We appreciate some will not be able to give very much at all (cf. "the widow's mite") - but it's important that we all think about this together. For those who saw the Vision 2030 Progress Presentation a few weeks ago (you can review it on our website) - you will know that we are in a mixed position financially. Thanks to Esme and Graham Teale's legacy we have money in the bank. This is wonderful! However, because this is one-off, non-recurring, funding, the Church Council has committed to only spend this money on step-changes which will develop the long term ministry and fabric of St Michael's - rather than on the day-to-day running of the church.

More concerning is that we have an underlying and recurring deficit of somewhere between £15,000 and £20,000 each year. This has arisen from our healthy determination to improve our outreach through children's work and schools work, but which has never been covered by our regular giving. Obviously it would be great to see this deficit gap closed through brand new or increased regular giving (see Parish Giving Scheme below) - but I have been so blown away by all that our church family has sacrificially given over the past 3 years' gift days - that I'm just grateful for absolutely any gift - given in any way!!

Whilst our first priority remains finding the finance to support our work at St Michaels and the other benefice churches the PCC have decided that this year we also want to support the important work of our Mission Partners. They have therefore agreed that 10% of everything raised through our Thanksgiving Gift Sunday will be passed on to our Mission Partners, The North Cotswold Food Bank, Grassroots Rwanda and Mission Macedonia.

Please do fill in this form—and return it today—or over the next few weeks. The different options are detailed overleaf. THANK YOU to you all, Tim.

The most efficient way to give is through the Parish Giving Scheme - online (using the QR code or link and details below). This can be a regular gift but you can give a one-off gift too. You have immediate control over your PGS giving both online and by phone. <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/bishops-cleeve>



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*If you would prefer not to use
the PGS you can use our bank
details (please see over):*

Parish Name: St Michael's
Parish Code: BISH
Diocese: Gloucester

Address: Church Road
Bishops Cleeve
Cheltenham
GL52 8LJ
Office: 07354 874617
Email: admin@stmichaelsbishopsclleeve.co.uk

THANKSGIVING GIFT DAY PLEDGE

Please indicate here, how much you would like to pledge and by what means you will give your gift.

I have donated £..... as a one off gift through the PGS

I have donated £..... as a new or increased monthly PGS donation

I have donated £..... as a Bank Transfer, or By Cheque, or Card Reader

Title: First Name: Last Name:

GIFT AID

It would be great if you are able to Gift Aid any donation, increasing your donation by 25%. For us to be able to claim this, please complete below.

Full Home Address:.....

.....Postcode:.....

I confirm that I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for the current tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for the current tax year.

Signed: I am happy to Gift Aid : Y/N

PLEASE BE ASSURED THAT ALL PERSONAL DETAILS AND DONATION INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT ENTIRELY PRIVATE

I am happy for all of my donation to go to general church funds YES/NO

I would like% (state percentage) of my donation to be specifically allocated to the work of the Children and Families Ministry and our Vision 2030.

Bank Details for St Michael's:

Sort Code: 60-05-16

Account Number: 06700543

Account Name: Bishop's Cleeve PCC

Please use 'Gift Day' as your reference when donating by BACS.

**Please return this leaflet to a member of clergy, our Treasurer Tim Powell,
a church warden or the Church Office:**

St Michael's Church Office, St Michael's Centre, School Road, Bishops Cleeve, Cheltenham, GL52 8BA

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