

# St Michael & All Angels

Southam, Woolstone, Gotherington & Oxenton

## Sunday 14 September 2025 Trinity 13

Readings- St Michael's– Southam- Why Do We Preach? – Acts 20: 17-32

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9.30am Holy Communion -The Church of the Ascension Southam

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

10.00am Morning Praise – Gotherington Old Chapel

11.15am Contemporary Worship -St Michael & All Angels Bishop's Cleeve

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

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



## Alpha Course – Starting Tuesday 16 September 7pm-8.30pm

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

We have a new course starting Tuesday September 16, 7pm -8.30pm for 10 weeks. The course will be held central to Bishop's Cleeve; the exact location will be given nearer the time. To book a place and indicate your preferences please [click here](#) or use the QR code.



## Bereavement Journey –18 September 2025- 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Nat Garrett and Pete Muir are hosting a series of evenings in St Michael's based on the Bereavement Journey starting Thursday 18 September, and these following dates, 25 September, 2 October, 9 October, 16 October and 30 October). The time will be 7.30pm to 9.30pm, participants are welcome to arrive for 7.15pm refreshments

*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 contact the church office at: [admin@stmichaelsbishopsclleeve.co.uk](mailto:admin@stmichaelsbishopsclleeve.co.uk) or Tel: 07354 874617



## Harvest Supper

### Saturday 4 October 5.30pm St Michael's Centre

St Michael's Centre & St Michael's Church warmly invite you to a Harvest Supper. An evening for all ages-everyone welcome, come along and enjoy a generous two course meal followed by entertainment. A bar selling wine, beer and soft drinks will be available. All proceeds to support our local foodbank. Tickets cost £10 for adults and £5 for under 12s, under 3s free. For tickets buy direct (cash sales only) from The Cleeve Bookshop or St Michael's Centre Office. For card sales call Helen on 07852 549672

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## CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

### Explorers begins this Sunday – 14 September

All our Explorers Groups will begin this Sunday during the 11.15am service at St Michael's Church:

Mini Maps for ages 0-4 (in church)

Torches for Reception to Year 2 children (in church)

Compasses for Year 3 to Year 6 children (in church)

GPS for Year 7+ children (start in church)

For more information please see our website or contact Lucy Betts on [lbetts@stmichaelsbishopsleeve.co.uk](mailto:lbetts@stmichaelsbishopsleeve.co.uk)

### Friday Night Youth Club – starts 12 September

#### Gotherington Old Chapel 7pm to 8.30pm

Our youth group meets every other Friday during term time and 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.

Autumn Term Dates: **12 and 26 September, 10 and 24 October, 7 and 21 November, 5 December**

## WHAT'S ON?

### Ride & Stride 2025

#### Saturday 13 September

**St Michael's Church** will be open between 10am and 4pm with refreshments. Toilet available.

**St John the Baptist Church, Oxenton and St Martin de Tours, Woolstone** will be open between 9am and 6pm – cold drinks/biscuits will be available. No toilets.

**The Church of The Ascension Southam** will be open from 9.30am until 4pm, no toilet available.

If you are planning to do a walk, please contact Lucy Barbour on [lucy@barbour.co](mailto:lucy@barbour.co)

- Explore our **interactive map** or browse **regional maps** to plan your route [2025-Maps-V1.pdf](#)
- Many churches are hosting **teas, music & events** – drop in and enjoy!
- Stay updated on our **website & socials**. [Facebook](#)

[Gloucestershire Churches Trust \(@gloucestershirechurchestrust\)](#) • [Instagram photos and videos](#)

To access all this information please click this link:

[Ride+Stride Churches Taking Part | Historic Churches Trust](#)

You can also take part by entering the Ride & Stride Photography Competition – open to all ages and abilities.

Closing date: Monday 30 September 2025. For more details please visit:

[GHCT Photography Competition | Enter our Photography Comp](#)



**You might not be Riding or Striding** but you could still support our benefice churches by visiting them on Ride and Stride Day, 13th September. At St Michael's we are open from 10am to 4pm with a warm welcome and refreshments. Maybe this is a time to discover that hidden corner of the church that you did not know about.



### Ageing Gracefully Course

#### Starting 17 September 2025 at 7pm

#### St Peter's Church, Winchcombe

As part of the Winchcombe and Tewkesbury Deanery Training Programme, we are delighted to host Dr Ian Donald who will lead his course - Ageing Gracefully.

The course, which is highly recommended and supported by the Diocese of Gloucester will take place at St Peter's Church, Winchcombe on Wednesday evenings for six weeks beginning on 17<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm.

**Gareth Moseley, Parish Administrator, PA to Area Dean**

The Parish of Winchcombe, St Peter's Parish Office, (01242) 602067

For more information, please click here: [Ageing Gracefully.pdf](#)

## Connect Chatter – starting Friday 19 September Community Hall 3 (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 [connectchatter@gmail.com](mailto:connectchatter@gmail.com) for more information.

## Traditional BCP Evensong

### 21 September 2025 at 5pm St Michael's Church

Please join us for a traditional BCP Evensong, led by Revd John Sharpe and the choir.

William has always wanted to play the organ for a traditional Evensong; therefore, we are having this service to enable him to do so before going to Oxford University. All welcome. Teas and coffees will be served following the service.

## Safeguarding Training Opportunity – In-Person Session 24 September

### St Michael's Centre 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Safeguarding is a vital part of our ministry with children, young people, and vulnerable adults. To ensure we uphold the highest standards of care and protection, the Diocese requires all volunteers and staff to complete safeguarding training every three years. While online training is available, we understand that it doesn't suit everyone.

**We're pleased to offer an in-person Basic Level Safeguarding Training session:**

**Date:** Wednesday 24 September

**Time:** 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**Location:** St Michael's Centre

**Trainer:** Duncan De Gruchy (Registered Diocesan Trainer)

This session is ideal for:

- Anyone who has received an email notification that their training is due for renewal
- New volunteers working with children, young people, or vulnerable adults who haven't yet completed the course

Don't miss this opportunity to complete your training in a supportive, face-to-face setting.

**To reserve your place, please email Tracy at:** [db@stmichaelsbishopsclleeve.co.uk](mailto:db@stmichaelsbishopsclleeve.co.uk)

## Save the Date - Women's Breakfast in St Michael's church

### Saturday 18th October-9am

Please save the date. More details to follow, many thanks

Glenda Green

## NOTICES

## Parish Gardens Bake Sale – Macmillan Cancer Support

Thank you to all who supported us at the Parish Gardens Bake Sale on Saturday. We raised over £700 to go to Macmillan Cancer Support to help people living with cancer. Huge thanks to all who baked cakes.,

## Trust 130

You can raise £130 for St Michael's Church by choosing to take out your home insurance through Ecclesiastical Insurance. Click here for more information. [Trust130](#) | [Home Insurance](#) | [Ecclesiastical](#)

## Church Office Telephone Number and Opening Times

The Church Office is open:

Monday – Thursday 10am – 2pm

Friday (Please check with Kate if you wish to come into the office on Friday as she occasionally works from home.)

Please note that we will be getting rid of the landline, (01242 673612) so going forward, please use:

**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.

## Christmas Craft- Cheltenham and Bishop's Cleeve Anna Chaplaincy for Older People

It's that time of year again – CaBiC's Christmas craft project for the residents of our local care homes in Cheltenham and Bishops Cleeve.

We do hope that you might be willing (and able) to continue to support this by knitting some Christmas stars this year. [Please click here for the pattern](#) or you can pick up a paper copy from the back of the church. Please ensure all your stars are at the back of Church, or in the Church Office by **Monday 1 December 2025**.

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## 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>

## 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 about these, and how you can help, please go to our website: <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.](#)

## ECO-CHURCH - SEPTEMBER

### Terracycling

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](mailto:ro.hunt60@gmail.com) to arrange collection.

### Our Energy Saving Tip This Month

#### Clean Card and Plastic

Make sure the card and plastic and paper that you put in your blue bin is clean. A whole batch can be wasted if there is contamination.

## NOTICES 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-bishopsleeve.co.uk/page\\_2275125.html](https://www.methodist-bishopsleeve.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.
- 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.  
Prayer and Bible Study at 2pm and 7.45 pm on alternate Thursdays.
- 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](http://www.stmichaelsbishopsleeve.co.uk)

Service times: [stmichaelsbishopsleeve.co.uk/worship-services](http://stmichaelsbishopsleeve.co.uk/worship-services)

Safeguarding: [stmichaelsbishopsleeve.co.uk/safeguarding](http://stmichaelsbishopsleeve.co.uk/safeguarding)

Church Office: [stmichaelsbishopsleeve.co.uk/contact](http://stmichaelsbishopsleeve.co.uk/contact)

Donate: [Bishop's Cleeve - Parish Giving Scheme](#)

[Southam - Parish Giving Scheme](#)

[WGO - Parish Giving Scheme](#) Or ring 03330021260

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