

### Sunday 26 October 2025: Trinity 19

Readings- St Michael's- Southam - Good God! Busy before creation? Matthew 3:13-17 WGO- Good God! Busy before creation? Matthew 3:13-17

> 9.30am Holy Communion - St Michael & All Angels Bishop's Cleeve 9.30am Breakfast Church - Southam Village Hall 10.00am Morning Praise - Gotherington Old Chapel

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

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



### **Our Annual Gift Day**

Thank you to those who have already donated.

Please prayerfully consider if you could make a contribution through taking out a brand new Parish Giving Scheme donation or through increasing your current PGS?? Obviously we would love this to a part of your regular planned giving but clearly any gift, through any means would be wonderfully welcome.

Please do help if you can – leaflets are available at the back of church. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PGS IS CURRENTLY NOT AVAILABLE, BUT WILL RE-OPEN ON 31 OCTOBER 2025. Please scan the QR code to access our page or visit our website:

https://www.stmichaelsbishopscleeve.co.uk/giving



# **All Souls Memorial Service** Sunday 2 November 2025 at 3.30 pm St Michael's Church

A service of Thanksgiving and remembering loved ones who have died in recent times and provide comfort for those who mourn. There will be cards for you to complete with the names/s of your loved ones which will be collected and taken to the front during the service. All warmly welcome.

There are cards available at the back of church, or in the church office if you would like to fill one in prior to the service.



# **Services for Remembrance Sunday Sunday 9 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)

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

#### **CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

# Friday Night Youth Club – SESSION ON 24 OCTOBER HAS BEEN CANCELLED

## - next session 7 November 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: **7 and 21 November, 5 December** 

### Bags of Hope for Trick-or-Treaters!

Got little visitors knocking this Halloween? Why not give them more than sweets? We've got **Bags of Hope** from UCB Radio—each one includes a child-friendly Bible. Feel free to pop in a treat or two, and help share the Good News of Jesus in a fun, simple way!



Grab yours at the back of church this Sunday—while supplies last!

## Praise & Play, Gotherington Toddlers Praise & Play and Bible Brick Club

We are taking a break for half term, back in the week beginning Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025.

#### WHAT'S ON?

## **House of Prayer – Saturday 26 October**

#### St Michael's Church at 9.30am

Saturday at HOP we thought we would pray for mission. Not just our mission partners, but the vision of our church. We may go further to include the Church of England, but we will start local.

## Friday 29 November and Saturday 30 November

## The Birthday Party – St Michael's Church: 7.30pm for an 8pm start

Nat Garrett invites you to The Birthday Party. Come and spend an evening with Mary, the mother of Jesus, as she remembers some extraordinary moments in the story of her ordinary yet extraordinary life.

Tickets £5.00, including refreshments. . Tickets will be available soon

## **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 connectchatter@gmail.com for more information

#### **VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES**

#### Can you help supervise the road closure barriers for the following events:

- 1. Remembrance Parade Sunday 9 November: help needed from 10.20 12.00ish.
- 2. Christmas Lights Switch on Saturday 22 November offers please of any one hour between 9.00am and 9.00pm

Please contact Yvonne Penn on YPenn@christian-aid.org

#### Help needed for coffee groups

Do you attend the 11.15 am service?

Would you be able to arrive at 10.50 am on week 1 (one person needed) week 2 (one person needed) or week 3 (two people needed) to help serve drinks and then clear up after the church service.

If so, please contact Fee Hall on feehall@ymail.com

#### **NOTICES**

## **Lucy Barbour – November 2025**

Lucy will be on a third year curate placement for the whole of November, so you won't see her around as much. Please pray for her during this time.

She will be at Coopers Edge Community Church which will be useful learning to give feedback to our ministry in Bishops Cleeve (and wider deanery with regard to Church on new housing estates).

If you want to find out a bit more about them, their website is Coopers Edge Community Church

#### **Prayer at St Michael's**

We love to pray. We need to pray.

We have a few ways to get involved in the week to week prayer life of our church some of which are listed on the image at the bottom of this sheet. Please do considering signing up to emails or attending online or in person meetings. Email: smprayerchain@outlook.com

#### **Poustinia**

If you would like to make use of the Poustinia then please contact James on 07866 162228 for more information or visit our website and go to the News and Events page.



## Date for the diary - Saturday 8 November 10am -2pm

St Michael's Centre 'Earlybird Christmas Market' is fast approaching and we are looking for donations of goods to sell to make this popular event a success. There will be a basket in the Church porch for items for the gift stall, toiletries, jewellery (old or new), adult and children's books, toys, and items suitable for a tombola stall. Alternatively, donations can be left in the church office. Thank you!

### Alpha Course – sign up for a January course

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 will be starting a new course in January: To book a place and indicate your preferences please click here

#### **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. <a href="https://exclusion.org/least-state-12">Trust130 | Home Insurance | Ecclesiastical</a>

### 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. <u>Please click here for the pattern</u> 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**.

#### 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: <a href="https://youtu.be/RibH3bo5jb8">https://youtu.be/RibH3bo5jb8</a>

#### **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: <a href="https://www.stmichaelsbishopscleeve.co.uk/world-mission">https://www.stmichaelsbishopscleeve.co.uk/world-mission</a>

## Thank you from North Cotswold Foodbank following donations from St Michael's

On behalf of the Trustees and all the Volunteers of the North Cotswold Foodbank, I would like to thank all who contributed at St Michael's church for the food donation received recently, weighing in at 13.94kg.

## **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 - OCTOBER**

#### **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 <a href="mailto:ro.hunt60@gmail.com">ro.hunt60@gmail.com</a> to arrange collection.

# **Our Energy Saving Tip This Month**

## **Disposable Cardboard Cups**

Disposable cardboard cups cannot go into the blue bin waste after use because they are not clean and dry. However, they will biodegrade in the general waste. Or they will compost if you are patient enough

#### 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-

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.

**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.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/@StMichaelsBishopsCleeve

Different ways to pray at St Michael's



#### **Church 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