

# St Michael All Angels

Southam, Woolstone, Gotherington & Oxenton

## Sunday 1 March 2026 Second Sunday of Lent

### Readings:

**St Michael's– Southam – Creation and Fall-Genesis 3 (8-15)**  
**WGO- Creation and Fall-Genesis 3 (8-15) Luke 13 (31-35)**

9.30am Morning Prayer St Michael's Church

9.30am Holy Communion Church of the Ascension, Southam

10.00am Holy Communion St John the Baptist, Oxenton

11.15am Café Church St Michael's Church

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



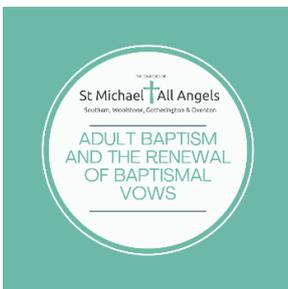
## 2 x Lent Courses - 25/26 February

The Quiet Revival research (<https://theresource.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/The-Quiet-Revival.pdf>) and widespread anecdotal evidence is telling us that more people are coming to church and exploring faith, especially young adults. Many are eager to understand the Bible better but aren't always sure where to start. As a church family, we want to respond. This Lent, we are running two Bible courses which offer a friendly, relaxed space to explore the whole story of the Bible together, in order to grow in confidence, and deepen faith. They are also designed for mature Christians who want to be better equipped to

support and encourage others on their faith journey.

Ben will be leading the daytime course in Gotherington on **Wednesday afternoons at 1pm** on 25 February, 4 March, 11 March, 18 March, 25 March at Gotherington Old Chapel.

Tim will be leading an evening course in St Michael's on **Thursday evenings at 7.30pm** on 26 February, 5 March, 12 March, 19 March, 26 March. All are very welcome!!



## Easter Sunday Adult Baptisms

From around AD 150 it became traditional for adult converts to be prepared (and to fast!) and then to all be baptised together on Easter Sunday - a great celebration of the new life that they have received from Jesus' resurrection!

On this Easter Sunday (5th April) St Michael's will also be providing an opportunity for some of our congregation to be baptised by full immersion.

We would also like to offer this as an opportunity for any other members of our church family to reaffirm their baptismal vows at this celebration. This could be a great opportunity for a public confession of faith for people who have come back to faith or who were baptised/christened as children and would like to declare their adult faith in your local church family. If you are also interested in being baptised - or renewing your baptismal vows - please contact the church office at [admin@stmichaelsbishopsleeve.co.uk](mailto:admin@stmichaelsbishopsleeve.co.uk) or talk to Tim, Ben, Nat or Lucy



## The Last Supper – Maundy Thursday - 7pm St Michael's Church

Join us on Maundy Thursday for a Christian Passover Meal as we remember the Last Supper and explore the deep connection between the Jewish Passover and the Lord's Supper. The evening will include Scripture, reflection, and a full seated meal of lamb, with a vegetarian option available.



As places are limited, tickets must be reserved in advance. Please scan the QR code to book tickets. We warmly invite you to gather around the table with us as we remember Christ's love and sacrifice.

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## CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

### Children's Groups Back on 1 March

Children's groups will be back on Sunday 1 March.

### Easter Egg Collection 2026

Every year we collect Easter eggs for the children we connect with through our children's work. The £2, 91g eggs are now in Tesco. If you can pick up an extra one and drop it at church or the church office, it would be wonderful. Alternatively, if you'd like to donate cash, please put it in an envelope marked 'Eggs' and place it in the big chest. Thank you

### Friday Night Youth Club – Next Session 27 February

#### 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. The future dates are: **13 March and 27 March**

### Save the Date

#### Holiday Club Summer - 11 August – 13 August 2026

We will be holding our Holiday Club from Tuesday 11 August to Thursday 13 August. More information to follow.

## WHAT'S ON?

### Savoury and Sweet Afternoon Tea- Wednesday 4 March 3pm

#### St Michael's Centre Bishop's Cleeve

We would like to remind and invite you to our regular Savoury and Sweet Afternoon Tea, held on a **Wednesday afternoon** throughout the year. There is plenty of savoury offerings as well as sweet treats so please come and join us to make new friends or reconnect with old ones. If transport is a problem, please call Jacqui on **07799 378121** and she will be able to arrange something for you. Everyone is welcome to this event, so please pass the message on. Upcoming dates are: **1 April, 6 May, 3 June, 1 July**. Cost is £3 on arrival. We look forward to seeing you.

### World Day of Prayer – 6 March 2026

#### Bishops Cleeve Methodist Church 10.30 am

Our Ecumenical World Day of Prayer Service – all welcome. Refreshments to follow.

### Men's Breakfast – 7 March 2026

You are welcome to join us for Men's Breakfast on Saturday 7 March at St Michael's Church.

### Connect Chatter – Every Friday-Community Hall 1 (next to Bishops Cleeve Library)

Every Friday 11am to 2pm – 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

## 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@stmichael'sbishopsclleeve.co.uk](mailto:admin@stmichael'sbishopsclleeve.co.uk) or telephone **07354 874617**

## NOTICES

### Calling all Knitters-Anna Chaplaincy Easter Project -Easter Pockets

Just to remind you that the deadline for your completed knitted items is Monday 2 March.

Please drop into the office or the back of church. Any completed after this date can be dropped off to:

**Christine Wisdom at 4 King Henry Close, Cheltenham. GL53 7EZ**

**Christine has left a box outside her house for your convenience.**

Kind regards, Rachel & the CaBiC Team

## Interim Revision of Church Electoral Roll (Bishops Cleeve)

Canon Law requires each PCC annually to revise the Parish Electoral Roll in time for the APCM.

There is a copy of our current Electoral Roll available in Church which will be revised between the dates of Sunday 1 March and Monday 30 March. The revised Roll will be available for inspection from Thursday 2 April.

If you are not on the Electoral Roll, please collect an application form from the office or the back of church and return it to the Church Office or the box at the back of church by the end of Monday 30 March.

Questions can be addressed to T/L me at [jedowle46@gmail.com](mailto:jedowle46@gmail.com) or by phoning 01386 882951.

**If you were on the Roll last year, you do not need to reapply.  
Your name will be carried forward automatically.**

Julia Dowle Electoral Roll Officer

## Funeral of T/L Roland (Roy) Bedford

The funeral of T/L Roland (Roy) Bedford will take place at Cheltenham Crematorium, **Willow Chapel at 12:00 noon on 19 March 2026.**

## 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

### North Cotswold Foodbank

#### Ad-Lent Calendar

You are invited to join in with the Ad-lent Calendar for the Foodbank. Their calendar transforms the traditional Lenten period of reflection into a practical opportunity to help others. For each of the 40 days of Lent, simply donate one food item from our calendar, ticking them off as you go. It's perfect for individuals looking for a meaningful Lent activity, families teaching children about giving, or groups at workplaces, schools and churches wanting to make a collective impact. By Easter, you'll have gathered a box of essential items that will directly support people in crisis.

For more information and to download your own calendar, please visit: <https://nbsg.foodbank.org.uk/ad-lent-challenge-2026/> or scan the QR code.

**There are some calendars printed at the back of church also.**



### Thank You from North Cotswold Foodbank

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 generous food donation received recently, weighing in at a brilliant 27.26kg.

Without your ongoing generosity, we would not be able to offer this help, so thank you all for your support and kindness - it is very much appreciated and it really does make a difference to so many lives.

**Kevin Carden**

Foodbank Manager

### 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.stmichaelsbishopsclleeve.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 - FEBRUARY

#### 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-Daily Habits & Appliance Usage:

**Cook Smart:** Use a slow cooker or air fryer instead of the oven, as they are more energy efficient.

### 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](https://www.methodist-bishopscleeve.co.uk/page_2275125.html)

<b>Sunday:</b>	Worship at 10.30am followed by refreshments.
<b>Monday:</b>	Meeting for Prayer at 12.45 pm. Meet Up Monday 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm.
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Prayer and Bible Study at 7.45 pm on alternate Tuesdays (next meeting 3 February)
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Communion Service with other churches at 9.00 am. Fellowship Group with a speaker at 2.00 pm on alternate Wednesdays.
<b>Thursday:</b>	Film Club at 2.00 pm on the first Thursday of each month.
<b>Saturday:</b>	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](#)

Watch Sermons: [youtube.com/@StMichaelsBishopsCleeveChurchOffice](https://youtube.com/@StMichaelsBishopsCleeveChurchOffice)

Different  
ways to pray  
at St  
Michael's



#### 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

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