

Sunday 12 April 2026 Second Sunday of April

Readings:

St Michael's– Southam Joy & Amazement Luke 24 (36-48)

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9.30am Holy Communion – Church of the Ascension Southam

10.00am Morning Praise - The Old Chapel, Gotherington

10.30am Joint Communion Service- St Michael's Church

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



Annual Vision Meeting – Parish of Bishop's Cleeve with Southam Monday 20 April at 6.30pm in St Michael's Church

Our Annual Vision Meeting – the AGM for the Parish of Bishop's Cleeve with Southam – will take place on Monday 20 April at 6.30pm in St Michael's Church.

The meeting, which will focus on our vision for the future of our ministry in our parish, will include the election of our Churchwardens, as well as our APCM. All those on our electoral roll are encouraged to attend. Please click on the link for the APCM

Reports: <https://www.stmichaelsbishopsleeve.co.uk/apcm-and-annual-vision-meeting>



Children and Youth Group Return Dates

Our Children and Youth Groups will be returning on the following dates. We look forward to seeing you:

Praise and Play Monday: 13th April

Praise and Play Tuesday: 14th April

Praise and Play Thursday: 16th April

Bible Brick Club: Thursday 16th April

Sunday Morning Explorers: 19th April

GPS Friday Night Youth: 24th April



Holiday Club is BACK! - 11th, 12th & 13th August-This year's theme: Jungle Explorers!

Get ready for three wild days of adventure... and bookings open **1st June!**

But before we trek into the jungle, we need an amazing team to help make it all happen!

Who are we looking for?

Everyone! Loud or quiet, young or old—there's a role for every kind of explorer.

When do we need help?

Sessions run from **9am to 2:30pm**, and we'd love volunteers who can join us for the full day **OR Lunchtime helpers**—just a short slot to give our all-day leaders a much-needed rest.

Safer Recruitment

In line with our Safer Recruitment policy, all volunteers must:

Have a **church DBS**, have completed **basic safeguarding training**, fill out the **volunteer application forms**.

Can you help us create an unforgettable jungle adventure?

If so, we'd love to have you on the team! For more information, please contact Lucy Betts on

lbetts@stmabc.uk

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Thank You for Easter Egg Donations

A huge thankyou to everyone who contributed towards the easter egg collection. We had over 150 easter eggs as well as money to purchase more. We are extremely grateful for your kindness and every child connected with our children's work was able to receive an easter egg.

WHAT'S ON?

Bereavement Support Group

Saturday 11 April 2026 10.30am St Michael's Centre Bishop's Cleeve

We meet monthly on the second Saturday of the month 10.30-12noon in St Michael's Centre. An opportunity to meet with others who have been bereaved for a coffee/tea and chat-come and stay for as long as you wish.

Huge Thanks to Kathryn-and a call to Prayer!

Kathryn Lea has decided to step down from her role as Worship Leader and her other responsibilities in St Michael's. She has been our Worship Leader for the last 14 years, serving very faithfully, fruitfully and has been a wonderful blessing to so many of us in that time! Let's all make sure that she knows that she has our love and thanks - and our prayers for whatever is next for her.

We will be formally thanking her at the Annual Meeting on Monday 20th April. We will also be holding our second special prayer meeting for our music and sung worship at 11.15 service on **Monday 13th April at 7.30pm in church.**

Thursday Night Lent Course-Grand Designs Continued

The two final sessions of the Thursday Night Lent Course – Grand Designs will continue on the 16 and 23 of April.

Church Office Coffee Morning - Wednesday 22 April at 10am

St Michael's Church Office

You are invited to come and have coffee/tea and cake in St Michael's Church Office.
All proceeds to our Mission Partner, Grassroots Rwanda.

Save the Date – Saturday 16 May 2026

Women's Breakfast St Michael's Church. More information to follow.

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!!

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 or telephone **07354 874617**

NOTICES

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

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

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.](#)

ECO-CHURCH- APRIL

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-Daily Habits & Appliance Usage:

Setting the washing machine and dishwasher at 30 degrees could reduce your energy usage by 40%.

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

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 (next meeting 3 February)

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.

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

Safeguarding: stmichaelsbishopsleeve.co.uk/safeguarding

Church Office: 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/@StMichaelsBishopsCleeveChurch Office](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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