

Giving to St Mark's. We are very grateful to everyone who gives financially. Ideally, and particularly if you can gift aid your donation, please set up a regular direct debit through the Parish Giving Scheme. Go to www.parishgiving.org.uk and you can find St Mark's from the front page, and set it up online. Thank you. Alternatively, you can give on line, using this link <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/670e813c-9dbf-456a-b47e-c077c9a02904> or the one on the church website. <https://www.st-marks.net/more/giving> You will also find a link to a Gift Aid declaration form here.

If you are writing or updating your will, please consider leaving us a legacy.

Small Groups at St Mark's. We are encouraging people who are not in a group to consider joining one. We know that they don't work for everyone, also that it is very important to find the right group so we suggest a "try before you buy" approach. Our groups meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, with one Wednesday morning group meeting by Zoom. Nikki has a group during the day on Tuesdays seeking new members. You can find out a bit about each group on the notice board at the back of church (opposite the kitchen door). Speak to Amanda di Giovanni for more information or email office@st-marks.net

Getting involved at St Mark's. If you would like to find out more about being part of the Welcome or Coffee Teams, leading intercessions, reading in church, joining the music groups, helping with children's or youth work, Chaplaincy Team at Leamington College, cleaning the church... Please contact the office and we will put you in touch with the relevant person.

Inclusive Church www.inclusive-church.org

St Mark's is part of this network of churches, groups and individuals uniting together around a shared vision.

We believe in a Church which **welcomes and serves all people** in the name of Jesus Christ; which is scripturally faithful; which seeks to proclaim the Gospel afresh for each generation; and which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus Christ.

As part of our commitment to inclusivity, St Mark's has joined **Sight Loss Friendly Church**. If you, or someone you know, are affected by sight loss please let the office know how we can help.



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Belonging... Believing... Becoming...

**A community of believers, sharing God's
with the world**

love

Sunday 13th October

10.00am All-Age Harvest

Parable of the Soils. Matthew 13:1-9 and 18-23

Leader: Ros Davies

Preacher: Rev Tim Broadbent

www.youtube.com/StMarksChurchLSpa

After the service, please join us for refreshments at the back of church.

Order of Service:

Welcome, Songs, Confession, Reading, Talk, Song, Prayers, Song, Blessing

6.30pm Evening Worship in the Lounge

Psalm 13. A Prayer of Despair and Trust

Leader + Preacher: Rev Tim Broadbent

Refreshments served from 6pm

Order of Service:

Welcome, Confession, 3 Songs, Reading, Talk & Discussion, Sharing & Prayer, Song, Blessing

Monday 14th October

7.30pm PCC meeting in the Upper Room

Wednesday 16th October

9.15-10.45am Toddlers in the Hall.

7.00-8.30pm Youth Group in the Upper Room

Thursday 17th October

9.15-10.45am Toddlers in the Hall.

9.00-10.20am Church open for private prayer & café,

10.30am Morning Worship

Saturday 19th October

PCC Away Day

Livestreaming Notice: Our 10am service on Sunday mornings is livestreamed on our YouTube channel www.youtube.com/c/StMarksChurchLSpa/videos
The distribution of Holy Communion will not be filmed.

If you have items to be included in the weekly notice sheet please email office@st-marks.net **by 10am Wednesday**. Keep in touch via www.st-marks.net or St Mark's Facebook Page. Contact the office to receive this notice sheet by email (or to stop receiving it). Our privacy policy can be found on the website.

Events and activities coming up

Mens Curry Night. Friday 18th October 7pm at Castle Balti in Warwick. Please RSVP to Nigel Smith on nigeljsmith79@gmail.com



Welcome Brunch. 20th October for those new or newish to St Mark's. Please let the office know if you are coming and have any particular dietary requirements. Alternatively fill in a slip in church and leave it in the collection plate.

Eco friendly products available! Sunday 20th October and 3rd November - there will be a small stall with reduced price eco cleaning products available. This may become an ongoing event so that you can get items more easily and also get refills in the future.

Washing up liquid, cleaners, and soap available. Cash or card accepted - thank you.

Rainbows Community Light Party. 21st October 5-6.30pm in church. Animal Man, Christian Puppets, Cake competition, Refreshments. **£4 donation** (fundraising for community defibrillator). All welcome. Children must be supervised by an adult.

Community Defibrillator Project You can donate to the Rainbows JustGiving page by clicking here <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/stmarksrainbowsdefibrillator> JustGiving sends your donation straight to St Marks Church, and automatically re-claims Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer, so your donation is worth even more.

Carol Service Choir. Ann Parsons has kindly offered to lead this. If you would be interested please let Ann know ann@aparsons.com by **13th October** so that we can start planning. You do not need to read music, but will need to commit to rehearsals.

Dates for your diary

Sat 26th October Gardening Morning. 9.30-noon.

Saturday 16th November Quiet Morning.

Thursday 21st November & Tuesday 10th December 8pm Music get-together.

Concert for Christian Aid. Saturday November 9th, 7 pm at Leamington Baptist Church, Chandos Street. An evening of music for all tastes: Classical, folk, pop, jazz, ukuleles and good old rock and roll! Admission is free but there will be a collection for the work of Christian Aid.

Real Advent Calendars. From the Meaningful Chocolate Company: Fairtrade chocolate, Christmas Story. £4.95. Order after church or from the office by 1st November for free delivery. Other items available. See poster at back of church or www.realadvent.co.uk

Donating items to St Mark's. We are happy to accept items for Food Bank and the Cyrenians supported Accommodation Service <https://coventrycyrenians.co.uk/> (Men's toiletries). We appreciate that people like things to be re-used and that you think of us, but please ask first as we have limited storage - and more toys, books and most stationery items than we really need.

Vacancy: CPAS is seeking a friendly, team-focused, skilled and efficient finance professional to join their busy finance team as Assistant Finance Manager (qualified to AAT Level 3 or 4 and/or part qualified ACCA/CIMA and have at least three years accounting experience in a financial management environment). See noticeboard in church for more information.

Prayer. If you would like to respond to urgent requests for prayer, please email the church office, we are investigating setting up a group to do this. It would probably be via email.

Christian Aid Petition. Vanessa Nakate is a Christian climate activist from Uganda who said that activism feels like a responsibility from God to speak for those who maybe not be able to speak for themselves and to bring justice to all those who have lost their lives. She asks for signatures to an open letter she has written to the UK government who have "*pledged to be a respectful partner to the global south*", to "*create a world free from poverty on a liveable planet*" [Vanessa Nakate Petition - 100+ Days - Christian Aid](#)

General Information

Days off

Tim does not usually work Tuesdays. Ros does not work Saturdays.

Fiona works Tuesday and Thursday.

Amanda works Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Contact information

Tim vicar@st-marks.net phone 01926 421004 and follow the instructions.

Office The office is usually open Monday-Friday 9-1. Staff meeting 11.30-12.30 Wednesday. Email office@st-marks.net or phone as above. Please avoid office related questions on Sundays.

Ros ros@st-marks.net or phone as above.

Churchwardens wardens@st-marks.net

Children & young people's groups.

Sundays (except all age services and school summer holidays)

Climbers (Reception to Year 3). Explorers (Year 4-6). These meet together on the 1st Sunday of the month.

Pathfinders (Yr 7 and up)

Parents and carers are welcome to take children under 4 into the Committee Room at the front left of church, where there are toys and a screen to watch

Prayer

- For all those at St Mark's who are finding life tough at the moment.
- Students starting or returning to University.
- Dan and Phillipa Munday as they return to Nepal this week
- The Church in Turkey www.givinghopetoturkey.org

Environment: Ongoing impact of climate change in many countries. Our response as individuals and as a nation. There are lots of ideas here <https://prayandfastfortheclimate.org.uk/>