



St Mark's Church

LEAMINGTON SPA

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

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

Sunday 20th October

10.00am Morning Worship

Psalm 13: A Prayer of Despair and Trust

Leader: Helen Toner

Preacher: Marie Calvert

www.youtube.com/StMarksChurchLSpa

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

Order of Service:

Welcome, Song, Children
leave, Confession, Song,
Reading, Sermon, Songs,
Prayers, Song, Blessing

Welcome Brunch in lounge for all newcomers 11.15-12.15

6.30pm Holy Communion in the Lounge

Psalm 42: A Prayer of Longing and Hope

Leader + Preacher: Rev Tim Broadbent

Refreshments served from 6pm

Order of Service:

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

Monday 21st October

Rainbows Community Light Party 5.0-6.30 in church (see page 2 for more information)

Wednesday 23rd October

9.15-10.45am Toddlers in the Hall.

7.00-8.30pm Youth Group in the Upper Room

Thursday 24th October

9.15-10.45am Toddlers in the Hall.

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

10.30am Holy Communion

Saturday 26th October Gardening morning 9.30-noon

Livestreaming Notice: Our 10am service on Sunday mornings is livestreamed on our YouTube channel www.youtube.com/c/StMarksChurchLSpa/videos

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



Eco friendly products available! 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>

Carol Service Choir. Thank you to all who have volunteered for the Christmas Choir. The first rehearsal is on Monday 28th October at 7.00-8.00 in the church. Please let Ann Parsons know ann@aparsons.com by **20th October**, if you haven't already done so, and would like to take part.

Sat 26th October Gardening Morning. 9.30-noon. Bring tools and bags if you have them. If you are able to take waste to the tip that would be really helpful. Also if anyone would like to make tea and coffee for the workers mid morning please speak to Amanda.

Dates for your diary

Saturday 16th November Quiet Morning.

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

20-22 June 2025 Church Weekend Away—booking form available soon.

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.

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.

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). Deadline for applications: 28th October. See noticeboard in church for more information.

Nightlight. This is a service offered by Churches in Leamington. It offers hot drinks to people at All Saints Church at the bottom of Leamington. A team of three people run this every Friday night from 10pm – 12am. We desperately need more volunteers to help as we have not been able to run every Friday due to not having enough volunteers. If you want more information then speak to Sue Turner or Sidney Syson. To register your interest email nightlight@yahoo.com.

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 the service.

Wednesdays (term time). Youth group (Yr 7 and up)

Prayer

- For all those at St Mark's who are finding life tough at the moment.
- Dan and Phillipa Munday working in Nepal
- 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/>

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.

Eco Church. We have just achieved our Silver award. Thank you to all involved.



/StMarksLSpa



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND



Rugby Road, Leamington Spa
CV32 6DL

01926 421 004 / www.st-marks.net

Reg. charity no. 1128485