



# St Mark's Church

## LEAMINGTON SPA

**Belonging... Believing... Becoming...**  
**A community of believers, sharing God's love with the world**

### Sunday 22nd December

**10.00am Morning Worship**  
**Joseph's Obedience in Faith**  
 Matthew 1:18-25

Leader: Marie Calvert  
 Preacher: Amanda di Giovanni

[www.youtube.com/StMarksChurchLSpa](http://www.youtube.com/StMarksChurchLSpa)

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

### 6.30pm Carol Service

Leader: Rev Tim Broadbent  
 Preacher: Rev Ellie Clack

*Please stay for mulled wine and mince pies after the service*

### Tuesday 24th December

4pm Christingle Service  
 6pm Christingle Service  
 11.30pm Holy Communion

### Wednesday 25th December

10am All Age Holy Communion

### Thursday 26th December

No Thursday Service or Café

### Sunday 29th December

**10.00am Morning Worship**

Leader and Preacher: Rev Tim Broadbent

**Livestreaming Notice:** Our 10am service on Sunday mornings is livestreamed on our YouTube channel [www.youtube.com/c/StMarksChurchLSpa/videos](http://www.youtube.com/c/StMarksChurchLSpa/videos)

#### Order of Service:

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



If you have items to be included in the weekly notice sheet please email [office@st-marks.net](mailto:office@st-marks.net) by **10am Wednesday**. Keep in touch via [www.st-marks.net](http://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

**Diana Griffiths and family** would like to thank Tim for his lovely service at Howards funeral. Also, to all the church family for the numerous cards, flowers and support given by so many. It is very much appreciated.



**A huge thank you to the Explorers for their efforts last week - and for all your generous donations raising £540.04 for Myton Hospice.**

**Thank you** to the flower team for the wonderful Christmas flowers.

**Pathfinders** are invited to join Climbers and Explorers for the Christmas party on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Ros would welcome their help. Alternatively, they can stay in church. Thanks Ros.

**Church Office will be closed from 11am on the 24th December until 9am on the 3rd of January.**

**Churchwardens.** Marcella and Charlie have announced that they will be stepping down as wardens next May (at the APCM). Please pray and consider whether this is a way you would like to serve St Mark's. Role description available from office.

**Church Weekend Away.** 20-22 June 2025 Booking form available. Please book by 28th February.

**Cross-teach vacancy for a Christian schools worker** . See website: <https://www.crossteach.com/schoolsworkers-general/>

**'Roll away the stone' - an experiential Pray & Play weekend retreat** led by Marie Calvert in Shipston on Stour, 9-11 May 2025. It's a while away but there are only a couple of spaces left so contact Marie asap if you are interested. Flyers at back of church.

**Helping the homeless.** The LWS Night Shelter is appealing for volunteers to help them run their extended service over the Christmas period. They need overnight volunteers and also help with evening and morning shifts to help with food service and generally keeping the place running. If you are able to help some of the most vulnerable in our district, please contact LWS at [lwsnightshelter.org/volunteer](http://lwsnightshelter.org/volunteer).

**Recycling in Church.** As we can now recycle soft plastic through the kerb side collection, we will not be collecting these in Church anymore. We are still accepting pens/writing equipment, dental products, cosmetics, and glasses for the time being.

***Wishing you a peaceful, joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year, from the St Mark's Staff Team.***

**Donating items to St Mark's.** We are happy to accept items for Food Bank <https://shorturl.at/DxxPx> and the Cyrenians supported Accommodation Service <https://coventrycyrenians.co.uk/> (Men's toiletries). These can now be left in the red boxes under the table behind the sound desk.

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. **Please do not leave items without speaking to Amanda, Ros or Tim.**

### Days off

**Tim does not usually work Tuesdays. Ros does not work Saturdays. Amanda works Monday, Wednesday and Friday.**

### Contact information

**Tim** [vicar@st-marks.net](mailto: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 Monday. Email [office@st-marks.net](mailto:office@st-marks.net) or phone as above.

**Please avoid office related questions on Sundays.**

**Ros** [ros@st-marks.net](mailto:ros@st-marks.net) or phone as above.

**Churchwardens** [wardens@st-marks.net](mailto:wardens@st-marks.net)

**Safeguarding Officer** Sue Turner [safeguarding@st-marks.net](mailto:safeguarding@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

The ceasefire between Israel and Hezbollah to hold and the ongoing relationship between them, for people as they return home.

Russia, Ukraine, and other countries in the midst of conflict.

Syria.

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](http://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](http://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.

### **Opportunities to ask for Prayer.**

•After the morning service on Sundays (except all-age services) members of our trained prayer ministry team are available to pray with and for you.

•Put a note in the prayer box at the back of church. You can give as much or little information as you feel comfortable, and it can be anonymous. It will be passed to the prayer team.

•By emailing [prayer@st-marks.net](mailto:prayer@st-marks.net) or contacting us via the website at <https://www.st-marks.net/contact>. Your message will be passed on to the team, and again you can give as much or as little information about the situation as you wish. Requests made in this way will not be anonymous as a name and email address are visible to us.

If you would like to be part of the prayer team please contact the office.

**Small Groups at St Mark's.** 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](mailto: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.** St Mark's is part of this network of churches, groups and individuals uniting together around a shared vision. [www.inclusive-church.org](http://www.inclusive-church.org)

**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 achieved our Silver award.



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