



St Mark's Church

LEAMINGTON SPA

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

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

Sunday 23rd February

10.00am Morning Worship

Romans 12:1-21 Living Sacrifices

Leader: Helen Toner

Preacher: Amanda di Giovanni

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

www.youtube.com/StMarksChurchLSpa

6.30pm Evening Worship the Lounge

Romans 8 The work of the Holy Spirit

Leader: Amanda di Giovanni

Refreshments served from 6pm

Wednesday 26th February

9.15-10.45am Toddlers in the Hall

7.00-8.30pm Youth Group in the Upper Room

Thursday 27th February

9.15-10.45am Toddlers in the Hall

9.00-10.20am Church open for private prayer & café

10.30am Morning Worship

7.30pm Being With in the Upper Room

Saturday 1st March

2.30-5.30pm Faithful Sexuality: can we be inclusive and biblical?

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.

Order of Service:

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

Order of Service:

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

Events and activities coming up



The Rev Brian Ruff. We are sad to announce that Brian, who was vicar of St Mark's from 1976 to 1990, died on Monday 17th February. Judy, his wife wrote "just a one liner to let you know that Brian went to be with The Lord he loves in the early hours today."

Church Weekend Away. 20-22 June. **All the rooms are now booked.** If you would like to go on a waiting list, while I contact people who have indicated they would be willing to share, please complete a form or email the office. Do not pay at this point. Attending as a day visitor on the Saturday can be booked up to 13 April, the suggested cost is £21 to include lunch and dinner.

Ladies - The next Streams is on Monday 24th Feb at St Pauls Church Leamington; coffee from 7pm and starts at 7.45pm. The speaker is Anne Le Tissier who is speaking on Dwell - how we can invite God's word to make a home in our hearts, one verse at a time. For more info please speak to Beryl Chisholm.

Wednesday 5th March 7.30pm. Ash Wednesday Service.

World Day of Prayer. Friday 7th March 2pm Holy Trinity Church, Leamington Spa, CV32 5RE. World Day of Prayer is a women led, global, ecumenical movement. www.wwdp.org.uk The local committee would like to recruit more members. If you are a woman and would be interested please contact Amanda in the church office and I will put you in touch. All are welcome to attend the service.

Church Spring Clean Saturday 22nd March. 9.30am - 12.30pm. Bring a vacuum cleaner & extension if you can. Cloths & polish provided along with coffee & biscuits.

Sunday 23rd March 6.30pm Reflective Service for Lent.

Deanery prayer evening (in place of the usual Deanery Synod business meeting) on Monday 24th March at St Paul's Church, Leamington. 7:30pm (tea/coffee will be available from 7:15pm) and finish by 9pm. All welcome.

Sunday 30th March 6.30pm Gathered Grace.

Saturday 17th May at 7pm in the Hall. Heartbeat, West Midlands Covers Band will be bringing us a range of music from the 60's and more. Come and dance to this great band or just sit and listen and enjoy an evening of music. Do invite your friends and family. Tickets £10 and bring your own drinks. Those in full time education £5. All profits to Myton Hospice. More details from Jane Wigman.

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 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.

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.**

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

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

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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Days off

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

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 Monday. 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

Safeguarding Officer Sue Turner 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)

Giving financially to St Marks. We are very grateful to all those who support St Mark's financially (as well as through prayer and giving time in so many areas).

Gift Aid is a vital source of income, and if you give through the Parish Giving Scheme rather than directly to St Mark's then they do the work of claiming this money back. We would like to encourage all those who give regularly and pay tax to switch to the Parish Giving Scheme and for those who are new to St Mark's to prayerfully consider supporting us financially. More information about the scheme can be found here <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/home/> or this link takes you directly to our giving page <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/new-milverton-st-mark-rugby-road-new-milverton-leamington-spa/> Thank you.

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