



# St Mark's Church

## LEAMINGTON SPA

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

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

**Palm Sunday 24th March 2024**

**10.00am Morning Worship**

Genesis 21:1-21 & Mark 11: 1-11

Leader: Rev Ellie Clack

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.*



**Order of Service:**

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

**6.30pm Evening Worship**

Mark 11:1-11

Leader: Amanda di Giovanni

*Refreshments served from 6pm*

**Order of Service:**

Welcome, Confession,  
3 Songs, Reading  
Sermon & discussion  
Sharing & prayer, Song,  
Blessing

**Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th March**

10-12 noon Prayer Stations in Church

7.30pm Compline (night prayer). Church open from 7pm.

**Maundy Thursday 28th March**

Office closed

9.00—10.20am Church open for private prayer & café

10.30am Holy Communion

7.30pm Holy Communion.



**Good Friday 29th March**

Office Closed

10.00am An hour at the foot of the cross

**Children's Messy Play Activities in the Church. Please email Ros (Ros@st-marks.net) if you are planning to bring your children**

*Join us for refreshments at the back of church after the service*

12 noon. Walk of Witness and service led by Rev Tim Broadbent. Starting outside Holy Trinity, CV32 5RE

**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)

The distribution of Holy Communion will not be filmed.

## Events and activities coming up

**Saturday 30 March**

7pm Fire pit in the Vicarage garden followed by short service in church at 8 pm and lighting our Easter candle. Hot chocolate available. Bring a garden chair if you have one. **Please email Tim (vicar@st-marks.net) if you are planning to come.** Will be cancelled if wet.



**Easter Sunday 31 March**

6.30am. Sunrise service on Campion Hills, CV34 4BT

10am. All age Communion

**Explorers' Waffle Morning** - Thank you to everyone who came along and donated. The Explorers raised £250.92 for **Cancer Research UK**.

**Family Quiz with Domino's pizza at St. Mark's. Saturday 27 April at 6:30 pm**

Josh McEvoy and Holly Harris are putting on this family quiz to fundraise for their trip to Belize with Warwickshire Scouts. The trip will be a once in a lifetime experience, visiting places they have never seen before, enjoying the history and culture of Belize, meeting local Scouts and helping with a community project. Please bring friends/family along to the quiz, £10 for adults/£7.50 for 16 and under (incl. Domino's pizza). If you would like to come, please email us at [belize.quiz@gmail.com](mailto:belize.quiz@gmail.com).

**Annual Meeting (APCM) Sunday 12th May**

This is an opportunity to hear about what has been happening over the past year and to elect churchwardens and Parochial Church Council (PCC) members. The PCC is the group who make decisions regarding various aspects of church life, in particular how we spend our money.

**Electoral Roll**

To stand for election to the PCC, to nominate anyone or to vote in the elections you need to be on the church electoral roll. If you are not on the electoral roll and would like to be, please fill in a form available from next week on the notice board and put it in the "Electoral Roll" box at the back of church. To be on the electoral roll, you need to be baptised, over 16, and be a regular member of St Mark's or be resident in the parish. **Revisions to the roll need to be completed and to the office by Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April.** Contact Marcella King, Electoral roll officer, if you have any questions: [marcella@st-marks.net](mailto:marcella@st-marks.net)

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.



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## Eco Fair – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June

After the success of last year's Eco Fair we will be holding the event again this year. We are looking for some help in preparing for the various stalls and activities. The kinds of things we need help with are:

- growing or sourcing plants (indoor & outdoor) for the plant stall
- collecting second-hand books and soft toys
- collecting materials for making bug hotels
- preparing materials and instructions to make bird feeders
- preparing eco-friendly craft activities
- donations of bottles of wine for the "water to wine" stall

Or if you have any ideas of your own we would love to hear them!

There is a sign-up sheet for these tasks on the Eco-board at the back of church. Alternatively please email the office or speak to Lisa Fletcher or Sophie Harper.

**Giving to St Mark's.** We are very grateful to everyone who gives financially. 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.

Or, best of all, you can 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.

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 is starting a new group on Tuesday mornings, and Amanda a new Thursday evening group. 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)

## Dates for your diary

20 April DIY morning  
11 May Gardening Morning  
12 May APCM  
15 June Eco Fair

## Monthly Events

1st Thursday 7.30pm: Meditation in the Upper Room  
2nd Tuesday 1pm: FIRS Lunch in the Hall  
2nd Sunday 11.15am: Family Brunch in the Upper Room

## Annual Meeting (APCM) Sunday 12th May (continued)

**This year there are vacancies for:**

**2 Churchwardens (for 1 year: nominations by 11th May).**

**2 Deanery Synod member s**

**3 PCC members**

Deanery Synod and PCC members usually serve for 3 years, but it is possible to resign early if necessary.

Note that as part of St Mark's commitment to Safeguarding and in line with national rules, PCC members and church wardens are required to undertake appropriate safeguarding training and DBS checks.

More details can be found on a board at the back of church. Please pray and consider whether God might be calling you to serve St Mark's in this way. Speak to Marcella or Charlie (wardens) if you have any questions. The forms are all available on the website <https://www.st-marks.net/about/community/parochial-church-council-and-annual-meeting>

## General Information

### Days off

**Tim's day off will usually be Tuesday.**

**Ros does not work Saturdays.**

**Fiona works Tuesday and Thursday. A**

**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 open Monday-Friday 9-1. Email [office@st-marks.net](mailto:office@st-marks.net) or phone as above. Please avoid office related questions on Sundays.

## Inclusive Church [www.inclusive-church.org](http://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.

