



St Mark's Church

LEAMINGTON SPA

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.



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

Sunday 3rd November

10.00am Holy Communion

Psalm 63: A Prayer of Devotion and Praise

Leader: Rev Tim Broadbent

Preacher: Amanda di Giovanni

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, Reading, Sermon, Songs, Creed, Prayers, Holy Communion, Song, Blessing

No Pathfinders this week. Children's light party during groups - Pathfinders welcome to come along.

6.30pm Evening Worship in the Lounge

Psalm 62

Leader + Preacher: Amanda di Giovanni

Refreshments served from 6pm

Order of Service:

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

Wednesday 6th November

9.15-10.45am Toddlers in the Hall.

7.00-8.30pm Youth Group in the Upper Room

Thursday 7th November

9.15-10.45am Toddlers in the Hall.

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

10.30am Holy Communion: Remembrance

7.30pm Together in Meditation in the Upper Room

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



Beryl Robbins. We are sad to announce that Beryl died on 23 Oct. A thanksgiving service for her life will be held in church on Wednesday 20th November time tbc. Please pray for her family and friends.

Welcome Team. We need a couple of people for the 3rd Sunday in the month as Geoff and Lynne are stepping down. You will need to turn up 20-25 minutes before the service, greet people and hand out sheets as required. Speak to Amanda for more information.

Ladies - the next Streams is on Mon 4 Nov at St Paul's Church Leamington Spa. Coffee from 7pm, worship starts at 7.45pm. The speaker is Annie Hughes, an NHS Chaplain at a GP 's surgery in Harborne, speaking on "being carriers of God's presence". For more info please speak to Beryl Chisholm.

Bonfire Night Fire Pit. Sat 9 Nov 6-8pm at St Mark's. With sparklers, marshmallows and hot drinks. If people would like to bring sweet finger food or traybakes, and some sparklers that would be great. More information from Marcella.

Bereavement Service. Sun 10 Nov 6.30pm, refreshments from 5.45pm If you have experienced bereavement in recent years you are invited to join us in church for a time of thanksgiving, remembrance and reflection. You may wish to bring a photo of the person you are mourning.

Quiet Morning. Sat 16 Nov. Refreshments from 9.45am. A short time of worship at 10am then prayer stations for personal reflection. Closing Worship at 12, church open till 1pm. More information from Amanda.

Firs Christmas Lunch. Tue 10 Dec 1pm-3pm. Tickets £5. Please book at the November lunch or with the office by 4 Dec.

Music get-together. Thu 21 Nov & Tue 10 Dec 8pm. More information from Jeremy Clack.

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

Concert in aid of Christian Aid 7pm, 9 Nov at Leamington Baptist Church. Tickets are free and collection by donations. NB. Christian Aid (as part of the DEC) is currently appealing for donations for the conflict in the Middle East....see their website for details. <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/dec-middle-east-humanitarian-appeal>

Support Flourish: Chunky Knit Wreath Making Workshop. 28 Nov 7.30- 9.30pm at Esquires Coffee Leamington Spa. Make a super stylish and modern Christmas wreath which you can keep forever. Giant knitting uses your hands and jumbo yarn, it is a satisfying and easy craft with no needles needed! Tickets and more info [You Can Flourish - Flourish Chunky Knit Christmas Wreath Making Workshop](#)

Carol Service Choir. Rehearsal date tbc.

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

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

The conflict in the Middle East and all the people suffering there: particularly Gaza. Russia, Ukraine, and other countries in the midst of conflict and America, preparing for the presidential election.

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/>

Prayer at St Mark's

Prayer is an important part of our lives as Christians – although not necessarily an easy one.

Asking for prayer for ourselves - or those close to us is one aspect and we are hoping to make this easier.

There are several options:

1. After the morning service on Sundays (except all-age services). Members of our prayer ministry team are available to pray with and for you.
2. Through a note in the prayer box at the back of church. Leave as much or little information as you feel comfortable, it can be anonymous – or just your name; and we will pass it on to the prayer team.
3. By emailing prayer@st-marks.net Your request will then be passed on to the team, again you can give as much or as little information as you wish.
4. There is opportunity to share prayer requests at the evening service and in small groups.

Prayer and prayer ministry teams are known and trusted members of our congregation who have appropriate safeguarding training. Confidentiality will be assured – within the safeguarding boundaries.

If you would like to be part of the prayer team (to receive emailed prayer requests), or part of the prayer ministry team (for after service prayer – this is on a rota basis and usually works out at one Sunday a month for 2 out of every 3 months) please contact the office.

A Quote from Paula Gooder's book 'Phoebe' (A story inspired by Romans).
"Prayer isn't like giving in your order for hot food: submitted one moment and delivered the next. But prayer does place us in God's presence. Prayer opens us up to see what God is already doing.
Prayer invites God to be present at the heart of what we're worried about.

"What if we're not sure what to ask?' ... "When we do not know how to pray as we ought the Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words."
Yes, ... We can let the Spirit ask for us."

Building Plans

After several years of only routine or essential maintenance we have lots of exciting plans and ideas for the church itself and the community centre. These vary from basic DIY (eg replacing locks on toilet doors) to major projects (eg. new flat roof for the community centre and disabled ramp for the south door); some have been approved by the PCC and we have architect plans, others are further down the line.

More information can be found on the website [Planning for the future | St Mark's Church, Leamington Spa](#), a board at the back of church and one opposite the office.

DIY

If you have DIY skills and would be able to help please contact wardens@st-marks.net We are thinking of having a 'DIY Month' possibly next February.

Project Management

If you have experience of project management and time to commit to helping us, we would love to hear from you! Contact wardens@st-marks.net or chat to Marcella, Charlie or Tim.

Finance

Some money will come from the sale of a flat which had been left to the church, some from legacies and church funds. We are hoping to get grants to contribute to some of the costs (hence the renaming of the hall complex as the Community Centre). There will be opportunity for personal contributions when things start to happen.

To help with this we ask everyone to complete the Community Survey, and if you are in contact with other people who use the building please ask them to do it too.

Community Survey. Please fill out the 2– minute survey to enable us to raise funds to repair our community centre roof. Either use the link or the QR code. [St Marks Community Centre Survey](#)

