



St Mark's Church

LEAMINGTON SPA

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

Sunday 6th October

10.00am Holy Communion

Black History
 Acts 10:33-35

Leader: Rev Tim Broadbent

Preacher: David Neita

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

6.30pm Evening Worship in the Lounge

Matthew 13:1-23

Leader + Preacher: Amanda di Giovanna

Refreshments served from 6pm

Order of Service:

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

Tuesday 8th October

1pm Firs Lunch in the hall

8pm Music get together in Church

Wednesday 9th October

9.15-10.45am Toddlers in the Hall.

7.00-8.30pm Youth Group in the Upper Room

Thursday 10th October

9.15-10.45am Toddlers in the Hall.

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

10.30am Holy Communion

7.45pm Parent/ Carer Evening in the Upper Room

Livestreaming Notice: Our 10am service on Sunday mornings is livestreamed on our YouTube channel www.youtube.com/c/StMarksChurchLSpa/videos
 The distribution of Holy Communion will not be filmed.

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



Jeremy Clack sponsored cycle ride. Thank you very much indeed to all those who so very kindly sponsored his 200 mile cycle ride for Molly Olly's Wishes. It was a hard ride but worth it as the group of 50 cyclists raised nearly £90,000 for the charity. Jeremy is very grateful for all your support.

Macmillan Coffee Morning. We raised £136 in cash donations.

Gardening. Thank you to all those who came last Saturday.

Data Consent Forms. If you have joined us in the last year or so and have not filled in one of these forms please do so. If you aren't sure please check the list on the board by the welcome trolley. Please return the form to the box on the trolley

St Mark's Yellow Pages. This is a directory of contact details for members of St Mark's. If you would like to be included please indicate on the data consent form. If your details have changed please contact the office.

Parent / Carer Evening. Thurs October 10th from 7:45pm-9:15pm. If you have children under 18 and would like the opportunity to connect and explore how St. Mark's can best support you, join us for an evening of conversation and planning. We'll discuss what's important for your sense of belonging and how we can create a space that works for you and your family. For more information or if you want to contribute but can't make the date, please speak to Hannah Broadbent and Ellie Clack who will facilitate the evening hanbroadbent@gmail.com and ellieclack@hotmail.co.uk

Church Cleaning Sat 12th October from 9.30-12.30.

Harvest Service. This will be on Sunday 13th October. Donations for Foodbank welcome <https://warwickdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

Mens Curry Night. Friday 18th October 7pm at Castle Balti in Warwick. Please RSVP to Nigel Smith on nigeljsmith79@gmail.com

Welcome Brunch. 20th October for those new or newish to St Mark's. Please let the office know if you are coming and have any particular dietary requirements. Alternatively fill in a slip in church and leave it in the collection plate.

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>
 JustGiving sends your donation straight to St Marks Church, and automatically re-claims Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer, so your donation is worth even more.

Carol Service Choir. Ann Parsons has kindly offered to lead this. If you would be interested please let Ann know ann@aparsons.com by **13th October** so that we can start planning. You do not need to read music, but will need to commit to rehearsals.

Recycling at St Marks.

Pens etc Any make of writing implement made of plastic can be put in the cardboard box at the back of church. Collect from friends, work and bring to church.

Cosmetics Containers. Eg lipstick, mascara. Other items such as larger plastic containers (shampoo, handcream etc) can go in your normal plastic recycling.









Clean flowerpots. Place in the correct box until the end of October.

Spectacles. Collected by the Lions. No cases please.

Dental Products. Put in the box.

Soft Plastics can now be placed in your blue bin/ red box.



	All plastic bags carrier bags salad/fruit/vegetable bags frozen food bags bread bags cereal bags flower bags		Cheese, fish, and meat wrapping
	Confectionary wrappers chocolate sweets biscuits cakes ice cream and chewing gum wrappers		Outer layer bags and wrapping multipacks toilet and kitchen roll magazine and newspaper wrapping
	Foil lined packaging crisp/snack packets coffee bags		Plastic film and sleeves removeable film lids plastic sleeves for bottles and jars
			Bubble wrap and cling film maximum 1m sections
			Fruit and vegetable net bags

See [flex \(sherbournerecycling.co.uk\)](https://www.sherbournerecycling.co.uk) for full



Guided tour of the new recycling centre (just outside Coventry) on Tuesday 26th November 2pm. Speak to Sophie Harper if you are interested.

Donating other 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.

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

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Other Fair Trade Advent Calendars are also available.

<https://www.divinechocolate.com/product/divine-milk-chocolate-advent-calendar>

Dates for your diary

Sat 26th October Gardening Morning. 9.30-noon.

Saturday 16th November Quiet Morning.

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

Loose Leaf Tea. In date packets Waitrose Assam Tea available at the back of church.

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.

Christian Aid Petition. Vanessa Nakate is a Christian climate activist from Uganda who said that activism feels like a responsibility from God to speak for those who maybe not be able to speak for themselves and to bring justice to all those who have lost their lives. She asks for signatures to an open letter she has written to the UK government who have "*pledged to be a respectful partner to the global south*", to "*create a world free from poverty on a liveable planet*" [Vanessa Nakate Petition - 100+ Days - Christian Aid](#)

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.
- Students starting or returning to University.
- Dan and Phillipa Munday as they return to Nepal this week
- 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

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.



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