

Please pray for..

## Prayer for the week:

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord.



### Please pray for

(Prayer requests are recorded in a book in the office. Do feel free to add to this.)

- The family and friends of Rhianna Chinn
- Meriel, Katharine, Chris and the family and friends of Gerald Brough.
- Dan and Phillipa Munday in Nepal,
- Leamington Nightshelter & The Way Ahead Project (Homeless Action Project)
- Nightlight and Street Pastors
- Helping Hands

**If you have any pastoral needs or would like to be on the prayer list please contact the church office on 01926 421004 or by email at [office@st-marks.net](mailto:office@st-marks.net) or speak in confidence to the Vicar or Sidney Syson.**

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# St Mark's Church

LEAMINGTON SPA

## Sunday 7th January 2018

### The Epiphany

## Welcome

A very warm welcome to St Mark's, especially if this is your first time here. If you need any help with anything do ask the welcomers who greeted you when you arrived. Toilets are located at the back of the church and in the hall complex. There is a crèche available for under 3's through the red curtain near the front of church. If you'd like to know more about what happens in the life of the church, take a copy of the welcome booklet, speak with one of those leading the services today, or visit our website. [www.st-marks.net](http://www.st-marks.net)

**Reading for morning services: Psalm 100; John 1:14-17**

**Theme: A hymn of praise**

**9.30am Holy Communion + Kid's Praise in the Lounge**

Leader: Revd. Jo Parker

Preacher: Amanda di Giovanni

Reader: Coral Pavitt. Prayers: Kate Holtby. ASPM: Beryl Chisholm.

**11.15pm Morning Worship**

Leader: Revd. Jo Parker

Preacher: Amanda di Giovanni

Reader: Tony Parsons

**6.30pm Evening Worship in the Lounge**

**Introduction to our series about Genesis**

**Puzzles in Genesis**

**Gen. 5:1-8, & 5:25-6:4**

Leader: Richard Bacon

Preacher: Revd. Bob Clucas

Reader: Sue Bacon.

WE SEEK TO BE A COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS IN JESUS CHRIST

WHO ARE DEVOTED TO: LOVING GOD, LOVING OTHERS, MAKING NEW DISCIPLES.

## Events and activities this week

**Monday**  
8th January  
Office open 9.30am - 1.30pm  
Gerald Brough's Funeral 12 noon in Church

**Tuesday**  
9th January  
Office open 9.30am - 1.30pm  
FIRS POSTPONED CHRISTMAS LUNCH 1pm  
If you haven't bought a ticket for this and would like to come please let Ruth Smith or the office know before midday on the 8th.

**Wednesday**  
10th January  
Office open 9.30am - 1.30pm  
Staff Meeting 11.30-12.30pm

**Thursday**  
11th January  
Office open 9.30am - 1.30pm

**Friday**  
12th January  
Office open 9.30am - 1.30pm

**Sunday**  
14th January  
**Theme for morning services: A prayer for help (lament)**  
**9.30am All Age Service**  
Leader: Ros Davies  
Preacher: Revd. Jo Parker

**11.15am Holy Communion**  
Leader & Preacher: Revd. Jo Parker

**6.30pm Evening Worship**  
Continuing our series on Genesis  
Purpose and Pinnacles  
Leader: Revd. Jo Parker  
Preacher: Caroline Broadway



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.

You can receive this notice sheet by email - just contact the office. You can also stop receiving it - again contact the office.



## Events and activities coming up this month

**A huge thank you to everyone who made Christmas so special at St Mark's this year**, from Christmas tree decorators to Christingle makers, flower arrangers to musicians and sound desk operators, mince pie and mulled wine makers, to everyone who led, preached, prayed or welcomed at our services, and to everyone else, we couldn't have done it without you. Thank you.



**Thank you everyone who helped at the Christingle.** We had a record attendance of over 700, and £1,168 was collected for the Children's Society, all of which has been banked for them.

I would like to thank everyone who filled a shoebox or gave items to fill a shoebox. You will put a smile on a child's face by your generosity. I am now able to tell you that the warehouse in Coventry sent 10000 boxes to Bulgaria, 8000 to the Middle East and 6000 to Belarus. Beryl Chisholm.

Rhianna Chinn's funeral will be at Oakley Wood North Chapel on Thursday 11th January at 1pm

**Christianity Explored:** 7 week course starts **Thursday 18th January** 7.30pm in the Upper Room. Invitation cards are available. Thank you to all who've offered help on this course. Please meet with Jo after the 9.30am service today to discuss what will be happening. We will meet in the side chapel. Thank you. Jo.

**Prayer Breakfast on the first Saturday of the month.**  
7.30am-8.30am in the Vicarage. All welcome.

**'After 8'** Come and join us in The Fat Pug after the Sunday evening services. All welcome, but we would particularly love to invite those in their 20s and 30s. Jo

**Saturday 13th January 2018** in the hall. An evening of jazz and sophistication. Tickets £10 from Penny Mitchell (phone her on 429371 or email her at [penmitchell@hotmail.com](mailto:penmitchell@hotmail.com)). All proceeds to the kitchen fund. BYO alcohol. Bar snacks on sale during the interval.

**Gardening Session Saturday 27th January** 9.30am-11am. Come and work off some Christmas calories. Details from Amanda di Giovanni [amanda@tomdg.com](mailto:amanda@tomdg.com)

**Saturday 10th February at 7.30 in the hall,** Heartbeat Band - 60's music and more. Tickets available today. £8 to include non-alcoholic punch and coffee and cakes. BYO alcoholic drinks. Tickets are available from Jane Wigman or office.

**Temporary Hall Cleaner needed immediately.** Our hall cleaner has been unwell since before Christmas and we are not sure when she will be back. Cleaning can be done early morning or 3-5pm. Please contact the office if you can help.