

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

Welcome & opening prayers, songs,

reading, explanation of the options &

options, return to church, 2 songs,

closing prayers & blessing

## **Sunday 10th August**

**10.00am** Explore Together: I am the way, the truth & the life

John 14:5-14

Leader: Marie Calvert

Preacher: Amanda di Giovanni

**Options** 

Reflective - prayer stations (Upper Room)

Attentive - short talk and discussion (main church)

Active - an inter-generational game (outside or in the Hall)

Creative - inter-generational arts and crafts (Lounge)

After the service, please join us for refreshments at the back of church <a href="https://www.youtube.com/StMarksChurchLSpa">www.youtube.com/StMarksChurchLSpa</a>

## No evening service

## Wednesday 13th August

10-11.30am Summer Fun for families with pre-school children in the church and garden

## **Thursday 14th August**

9.00-10.20am Church open for private prayer & café 10.30am Holy Communion

**Livestreaming Notice**: Our 10am service on Sunday mornings is livestreamed on our YouTube channel <a href="https://www.youtube.com/c/StMarksChurchLSpa/videos">www.youtube.com/c/StMarksChurchLSpa/videos</a>

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

**BBQ** on the 17th August from 6.30-8pm. All welcome. Please sign up on the list at the back of church or let the office know. Please can vegetarians/vegans bring what they would like to cook. We will be asking for donations to cover the cost.



**Church Picnic.** After the morning service on 31 August **New date**. Bring a picnic and join us in the church garden.

**Summer Fun.** For families with pre-school children (older siblings also welcome). In the church and front garden Wednesdays in August from 10-11.30am. Refreshments provided.

Volunteers needed to cover the office when staff are on holiday. We have a few wonderful people who keep the office open when we are away, but more would help especially on a Thursday morning. Speak to Amanda if you would be able to help. Thank you.

**The Lament into Hope Project** is a storytelling and advocacy platform that reveals the truth of the experiences faced today by UK-based LGBTQIA+ people and allies within the church. Please tell your story at <a href="https://www.lamentintohope.org">www.lamentintohope.org</a>.

Church Weekend at Home 2026. Save the date: 26-28 June.

**GDPR and Data Consent Forms.** Legally we need your consent to use your contact details. Over the next few weeks I will be updating our records. If you have already completed a data consent form you do not need to complete a new one - unless you want to change anything. If you are relatively new then please do fill one in. It includes options to receive the notice sheet by email, to allow the office to pass on contact details and be included in our 'Yellow Pages' church directory. Return completed forms to Amanda or the office.

**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.

**Eco Fest. Saturday 30th August.** Help needed to plan what to do on the 'Leamington Churches' stall and/or to help staff the stall on the day. Please contact Nigel at <a href="mailto:churchestogetherinleamington@gmail.com">churchestogetherinleamington@gmail.com</a>

Dates for September (details to be confirmed nearer the time)
Saturday 13th Heritage Open Day. Church open
Sunday 21st Welcome Brunch
21st-28th Prayer Week
Sunday 28th Gathered Grace

## Prayer

### For your prayers...

World leaders and the many areas of conflict in the world



#### 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. This can be anonymous. It will be passed to the prayer team.
- By emailing <u>prayer@st-marks.net</u> or contacting us via the website at <a href="https://www.st-marks.net/contact">https://www.st-marks.net/contact</a>. Your message will be passed on to the team.

If you would like to be part of the prayer team please contact the office.

#### Join us for prayer.

Around 9.45am before the Sunday morning service.

#### Staff & Office

<u>Days off</u> Tim does not usually work Tuesdays. Ros does not work Saturdays. Amanda works Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Karen works Tuesday and Thursday. Please avoid office related questions on Sundays.



#### **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.

Ros ros@st-marks.net or phone as above.

Safeguarding Officer Sue Turner safeguarding@st-marks.net

Events Coordinator Marcella King events@st-marks.net

Treasurer David Robinson treasurer@st-marks.net

PCC Secretary Sue Holden sue@st-marks.net

## Children & Young People

**Sundays** (except all age services and school summer holidays)



Under 4's Kids Church

Climbers (Reception to Year 3). Explorers (Year 4-6). These meet together on the 1st Sunday of the month.

Pathfinders (Yr 7 and up)

1st Sunday 'Food & Faith' For Yr 10 and up 4.30pm in the Upper Room.

Wednesdays (term time). 'Uno' 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).



We would like to encourage everyone to prayerfully consider supporting us financially. The best way to do this is by using the Parish Giving Scheme. More information and instructions on setting up donations can be found here <a href="https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/home/">https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/home/</a>. If you pay income tax please consider Gift Aiding your donation, however you make it.

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

**Donating items to St Mark's.** We are happy to accept items for Food Bank <a href="https://shorturl.at/DxxPx">https://shorturl.at/DxxPx</a> and the Cyrenians supported Accommodation Service <a href="https://coventrycyrenians.co.uk/">https://coventrycyrenians.co.uk/</a> (Men's toiletries). These can now be left in the red boxes under the seat near the south door.

We appreciate that people like things to be re-used eg toys, books etc but 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 our 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 achieved our Silver Award in October 2024. Our current focus is Carbon Net Zero. Please contact the office to find out more.



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