

Please pray for..

Prayer for the week:

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please pray for Norman Warren and all those members of our congregation who need our ongoing prayer. (Prayer requests can be added to this or recorded in a book in the office.)

- The family of Hugh Spendlove [Sarah Lee's father] who died Friday 1st March. For his wife Valerie, Sarah and her sisters Liz and Mary, her brother Andrew and their families.
- Our country and its leaders in these uncertain times
- The Cloud Family
- Open Doors and the persecuted church around the world,
- TEAR Fund as they work to relieve poverty around the world
- The Well Christian Healing Centre
- Brookhurst, Milverton & Trinity Schools

If you have any pastoral needs or would like to be on the prayer list

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St Mark's Church

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Sunday 10th March 2019

First Sunday in Lent

Welcome

A very warm welcome to St Mark's. 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. If you'd like to know more about what happens in the life of the church, do take a copy of the welcome booklet, speak with one of those leading the services today, or visit our website. www.st-marks.net

9.30am All age Parade Service

Reading: Joel 2:12-13
Leader: Revd. Jo Parker
Preacher: Ros Davies
Prayer Ministry: Rob Lockyer & Kate Holtby.

11.15am Holy Communion

Reading: Mark 4:26-30
Leader & Preacher: Revd. Jo Parker
Reader: Ruth Smith. Prayer: Ann Parsons. Prayer Ministry: Ruth Smith

6.30pm Evening Worship

Reading: Mark 4:26-30
Leader: Tim Lewington
Preacher: Revd. Jo Parker
Reader: Dan Wood.

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

Office open Monday to Friday 9.30am-1.30pm, except Wednesday 11.30-12.30 when closed for staff meeting.



Today

New Electoral Roll. Please fill in your form today (10th March). Details of who is eligible are on the forms. Speak to Marcella King for more information.

Tuesday 12th March

FIRS Lunch 1.00pm in the Hall

Wednesday 13th March

Prayer Walk with Jo 8.00 - 9.00am
Church open for refreshments and prayer 9.00-11.30am
Staff Meeting 11.30am-12.30pm

Thursday 14th March

Noah's Ark Praise & Play 9.15-10.45am in the Hall

Friday 15th March

Toddlers 9.15-10.45am in the Hall

Sunday 17th March

**Theme: The Kingdom of God is like...
... the wheat & the weeds. Matthew 13:24-30, & 36-43**

9.30am Morning Worship

Leader: Revd Ellie Clack
Preacher: Revd Jo Parker

11.15am Morning Worship

Leader: Ann Parsons
Preacher: Revd Jo Parker

6.30pm Holy Communion

Leader: Revd Jo Parker
Preacher: Marie Calvert

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.



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Events and activities coming up later this month



Sue and David Tipper would like to thank Jo and all the people of St Mark's for their prayers, cards, kindness and support given to them during this difficult time of losing their daughter Clare. Sue tells us it has helped a lot.

From all of us who were confirmed by Bishop John on Sunday 3rd March, we would like to say what an amazing service it was. We give our thanks to Jo for her part in the service; it meant so much to us all, as did the lovely Bring and Share lunch afterwards.

On Wednesdays the church will be open from 9.00-11.30am for refreshments and prayer. Eventually we hope to have a small café. If you'd like to help with this please speak to Jo.

Service at Craighaven Residential Home Monday 11th March 3pm. If you would like to join Ruth Smith there please give her a ring. 427613.

Explorers' Waffle Morning - Sunday 17th March after the 9:30 service.

At the back of church, St. Mark's Explorers' will offer homemade waffles with sauce, sprinkles and fruit on the side for donations to **Helping Hands Community Project**. Please enjoy a waffle with your cup of coffee, or take one away for later. Our 9 to 11 year olds are looking forward to doing something to help our Leamington community. Please come and support us!

Old Testament Words with Bob Clucas. The dates for the rest of the year are as follows (note, they are not all 4th Thursdays) 21st March, 25th April, 23rd May, 27th June, 22nd August, 26th September, 24th October, 22nd November.

BCDM celebration Sunday 24th March 3-5pm St Nicholas Kenilworth. With Stefan McNally from the LICC, and the Bishop of Coventry. Fliers at the back of Church. Book at <https://coventrydtp.typeform.com/to/EvNA0J> Open to anyone who has attended a module and anyone who might be interested in doing one in the future.

Care For the Family "The Wisdom House" Rob Parsons will be sharing some of his life lessons in Coventry on Thursday 28th March 7.30pm. See fliers at the back of church. Tickets £7. To book: cff.org.uk/wisdom or phone 029 2081 0800.

Mothering Sunday 31st March the 9.30 service will be an all age service.

Clocks go forward 1 hour on 31st March.

Easter Fun Afternoon at St Mark's 2-4.30pm **Saturday 20th April**. Help build an Easter garden, enjoy the craft activities and refreshments, hear the Easter story. All welcome.

The annual meeting this year will be on Monday, 29th April at 7.30pm. At the meeting, as always, we will need to elect the 2 churchwardens, and, this year, we have 7 vacancies on the PCC. Do start thinking and praying about who should be considered (and it might be you!). More detail on the notice board, and/or talk to someone already on the PCC about what's entailed. But remember that to be on the PCC, to nominate or second someone, or to vote, **you need to be on the electoral roll. Last date for signing up for electoral roll is today 10th March.**

Church weekend away 27-29 September 2019. Please pick up a flier and book your place.