



St Mark's Church

LEAMINGTON SPA

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

Sunday 12th January

10.00am All Age Worship with Baptism

Romans 3:21-24

Leaders: Amanda di Giovanni
 & Rev Tim Broadbent.

Preacher: Rev Tim Broadbent.

www.youtube.com/StMarksChurchLSpa

After the service, please join us for refreshments at the back of church.

Order of Service:

Welcome, Song, Baptism,
 Song, Reading, Talk, Song,
 Prayers, Song, Blessing

6.30pm Holy Communion in the Lounge

Romans 16: 1-4 & 17-20

Leader: Rev Tim Broadbent

Refreshments served from 6pm

Order of Service:

Welcome, Confession,
 3 Songs, Reading, Discus-
 sion, Sharing & prayer, Holy
 Communion, Song, Blessing

Tuesday 14th January

1pm FIRs Lunch in the Hall

Wednesday 15th January

9.15-10.45am Toddlers in the Hall.

7.00-8.30pm Youth Group in the Upper Room

Thursday 16th January

9.15-10.45am Toddlers in the Hall.

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

10.30am Morning Worship

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

Sermon Series on Romans. If you would like a short introduction to Paul's letter to the church in Rome I recommend this <https://bibleproject.com/guides/book-of-romans/> especially the video.



Churchwardens. Marcella and Charlie have announced that they will be stepping down as wardens next May (at the APCM). Please pray and consider whether this is a way you would like to serve St Mark's. Role description available from office.

Church Weekend Away. 20-22 June 2025. Rooms have 4-5 beds, but we are not expecting one couple to share with another, and we have some scope for single room occupancy. The centre charge extra for this, but we are committed to our 'pay what you can' policy. Our current booking is for 24 rooms, we can book another block but this would be for 24 people and the centre cannot guarantee another group won't book it. Attending as a day visitor on the Saturday is also possible, please contact the office for cost. If you want to come, please book and pay a deposit as soon as possible and by **21st February** (new date).

Recycling in Church. As we can now recycle soft plastic through the kerb side collection, we will not be collecting these in Church anymore. We are still accepting pens/writing equipment, dental products, cosmetics, and glasses for the time being.

***Church Office.** Until we appoint a new administrator the office may not be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you want access to the building on Tuesdays please ring ahead as there may not be anyone around, on Thursdays there are groups in, and the church is open for the café and service.

FIRs Lunch. We are going to be reviewing FIRs lunch so if this is something that you might be interested in please contact the office. There is a great team of people who set up tables and welcome guests, but we are short of cooks and washer-uppers. FIRs is monthly, but as with most things, the more people involved the less often each person has to help.

Gathered Grace: Sunday 26th January 2025, 6.30pm

Please join us for this informal, charismatic, worship-led service. All are welcome. Speak to Tim or Claire Lucas for more information.

Winter Coats for Asylum Seekers. Leamington and Warwick Stand Up to Racism is collecting winter coats for local male asylum seekers. There are collection points at the Sydni Centre and All Saints Church, Emscote in Warwick, till 16th January.

Called. Mission Ministry and Me. This free course is open to all. It provides a space to think together about what it means to be called by God, to take our place in the mission of God, and to give opportunity to explore both lay and ordained Christian vocation. It will include teaching, discussion, guest speakers and some time for reflection and prayer. 5 Wednesday sessions, 22nd January – 19th February, 7:30pm – 9:30pm, All Saints, Emscote, <https://www.equiphub.org.uk/courses-events-and-resources/called-2025/>

Dates for your Diary - more information next week.

'Being With' Course starting 29th January, 7.30pm.
DIY day Saturday 1st February.

Days off

Tim does not usually work Tuesdays. Ros does not work Saturdays.
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 Monday. 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

Safeguarding Officer Sue Turner safeguarding@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 ceasefire between Israel and Hezbollah to hold and the ongoing relationship between them, for people as they return home.

Russia, Ukraine, and other countries in the midst of conflict.

Syria.

For all those at St Mark's who are finding life tough at the moment.

Dan and Phillipa Munday returning to Nepal for their final few months

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/>

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.

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. You can give as much or little information as you feel comfortable, and it can be anonymous. It will be passed to the prayer team.

•By emailing prayer@st-marks.net or contacting us via the website at <https://www.st-marks.net/contact>. Your message will be passed on to the team, and again you can give as much or as little information about the situation as you wish. Requests made in this way will not be anonymous as a name and email address are visible to us.

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

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 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. 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 have achieved our Silver award.



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