

## Sunday 12th September

### Our Faith Romans 10:9-13

**10.00am All Age Morning Worship with Baptisms**

<https://www.youtube.com/c/StMarksChurchLSpa/videos>

Leader: Ros Davies

Preacher: Revd Heather Elson

### Monday 13th September

PCC Meeting 7.30pm by Zoom

### Wednesday 15th September

9.15-10.45am Toddlers in the Hall

### Thursday 16th September

9.15-10.45am Toddlers in the Hall

9.30—10.30am Church open for private prayer

10.30am Holy Communion

Leader: Revd Jo Parker. Preacher: Revd Heather Elson

### Saturday 18th September Brookhurst Community Fundraiser Day


1-3.30pm in the Church and Hall

#### Livestreaming Notice:

Our 10am service on Sunday mornings is livestreamed on our YouTube channel [www.youtube.com/c/StMarksChurchLSpa/videos](https://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](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. 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 later this month



**Updated Covid Guidelines:** Our aim is to keep everyone safe so although restrictions are no longer law they are strongly recommended. So please: Use hand sanitiser on the way in, continue to wear face masks, **Pews on the left as you go in will no longer be socially distant, those on the right (band side) and the side aisles will remain alternate pews only.** Leave the building promptly and chat outside, scan the test & trace QR code if you wish, but we are no longer asking for names on Sundays. Do not attend if you or any of your family have any Covid symptoms, or if you are self-isolating. You can come if members of your family are self-isolating.

**Heritage Open Days:** The church will be open to visitors at the following times. Could you help by being here to welcome people, serve refreshments or bake cakes? There are sign up sheets at the back of church. Times as follows:

**11th 2-4pm, 12th 2-4pm, 18th 11-3pm, 19th 2-4pm.**

**“Great is Thy Faithfulness”:** Saturday 25th 12-3pm at Coventry Cathedral . Beginning with the Litany of Reconciliation at 12, and finishing with a short Communion Service at 2.30pm. Also prayer spaces, reflective areas, activities, space for a picnic lunch. No need to book, come and go as suits you. <https://www.coventry.anglican.org/your-faith/great-is-thy-faithfulness-.php>

**St Marks Rainbows** has vacancies as from September for the Rainbow Guides that meet at St Mark's Church Hall on a Monday 5.30pm until 6.30pm. We return back on Monday 13th September. As from October 4 year olds are able to join. Any information please contact Julie Brown 01926941105 or 07930169123.

**Weekend retreat** 12-14 November led by Marie Calvert. The theme is *'Pray & Play: The Prodigal Son'*. Fully residential £175, at the House of Bread, near Shipston on Stour. Time out with God in a spacious environment to rest and rediscover this familiar story in multi sensory and playful ways. The retreat is almost full, so do get in touch soon if you are interested. Marie 881591.

**Evening Service** resumes on Sunday 19th September 6.30pm in the Hall.

**Diocese of Coventry Equip Hub:** the new diocesan online learning platform, full of courses, events and resources to help people learn about the Bible, their faith, and give them the tools they need for ministry within the church and community. Includes Courses (BCDM, face-to-face, Zoom or online independent learning), Events and Resources: Links, Downloads and Videos. <https://www.equiphub.org.uk/>



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LEAMINGTON SPA

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Reg. charity no. 1128485

Foodbank items can be left in the labelled pew at the back of Church on the left as you come in.

We are also collecting towels and toiletries for the local Supported Living House.

**Clergy Days Off.** Please note that Jo and Ruth do not work on Friday and Heather does not work on Saturday.

**Giving to St Mark's.** We are very grateful to everyone who has continued to give financially. If you used to give week by week into the church plate we would like to ask you to consider giving on line, either by scanning the QR code, using this link <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/670e813c-9dbf-456a-b47e-c077c9a02904> or the one on the church website.



Or, best of all, you can set up a regular direct debit through the Parish Giving Scheme. Go to [www.parishgiving.org](http://www.parishgiving.org) and you can find St Mark's from the front page, and set it up online. Thank you.

**The Intercontinental Church Society Bookkeeper** vacancy: The ICS is an Anglican Mission Agency, the role is 3 days a week to run the financial administration of the charity alongside the Treasurer and Mission Director. It involves general bookkeeping duties utilising our on-line accounting software ExpensePlus, carrying out the normal running of a medium- sized Christian charity's financial affairs and working as part of a small staff team to achieve our objectives. Based in Coventry, but much of the work can be done remotely with flexible hours. For further information or to arrange an informal conversation with the Mission Director please contact Jeannette Spaanderman at [ajspaanderman@ics-uk.org](mailto:ajspaanderman@ics-uk.org). The closing date for applications is 25 September. [www.ics-uk.org](http://www.ics-uk.org)

## Pray for people and organisations supported by St Mark's

### Local

- The Well Christian Healing Centre
- Brookhurst, Milverton & Trinity Schools
- New Hope Counselling Centre
- Thrive Youth Ministries & Crossteach
- Beryl Chisholm, Richard Bacon, Darren Mitchell, Andrew Cooper, and all who are part of Christians Against Poverty working to help people escape debt and poverty,
- Leamington College and the St Mark's Chaplaincy Team in their work there
- Craighaven Residential Home
- Leamington Nightshelter & The Way Ahead Project (Homeless Action Project)
- Nightlight and Street Pastors
- Helping Hands
- Foodbank
- Cyrenians Supported Accommodation Service

### National and International

- CPAS & Bible Society as they help to spread God's word,
- CORD and their work with refugees
- Open Doors and the persecuted church around the world,
- TEAR Fund as they work to relieve poverty around the world
- Dan Munday working with fellow professionals in Nepal and India to develop and promote palliative care.

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**The office is open Monday to Friday 9am –1pm.** Phone messages can be left at other times. Please phone or email rather than coming in.

**Staff meeting Wednesday 11.00am-12.00pm.**

**Ros** (our Children and Families Worker) is working 3 days a week (currently Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday)

# Brookhurst Community Fundraiser

Saturday 18th September  
1.00 - 3.30pm



Could you bake or donate a cake?  
(Ingredients need to be listed)

Could you serve Refreshments?

Do you have a craft or game you  
could share?

Also: donations of unopened bottles for a tombola stall (wine, lemonade, shampoo etc).  
These can be left at the front of church, by the creche door, in the labelled box.

Please contact Ros on [ros@st-marks.net](mailto:ros@st-marks.net)

Eco Church News

**ECO CHURCH**  
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## The Bluebell Project

Helen Cooper with a team of volunteers is turning the overgrown area at the east end of the church garden into a wildlife garden. The next 2 sessions are Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. 2-4pm.

The plans include pruning, removing ivy and ground elder, making a path using wood chips and edged with old sewer pipes and the bricks which have been left lying around. Then planting native bluebells in a trial area initially and then other woodland plants.

## Eco Team meetings

Sunday 26th September in the Lounge after the morning service for children and young people (under 11s to be accompanied by a parent/ carer)  
Monday 27th September 7.30pm on Zoom (link to follow)

'Climate of Injustice: The Climate Crisis and the Church in 2021'. Series of online discussions on **Thursday 16th, 23rd and 30th September**. You can book your free place at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/.../climate-of-injustice...>  
More information can be found on Facebook at [https://www.facebook.com/justiceconfUK/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/justiceconfUK/?ref=page_internal)

[Joint Statement on the Environment.pdf \(archbishopofcanterbury.org\)](#)

**THE GREAT  
BIG GREEN  
WEEK** 

18-26 September <https://greatbiggreenweek.com/>

## Useful Links

[Environment and climate change | The Church of England](#)

[Eco Church - An A Rocha UK Project](#)

[The Climate Coalition](#)

<https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg1/> (the one in the news recently)

<https://www.zerostore.co.uk/> Leamington Spa Zero Waste Shop 41 Russell Street, Leamington Spa, CV32 5QB

[Joint Statement on the Environment.pdf \(archbishopofcanterbury.org\)](#)

## St Mark's Eco Church status and plans

There are 5 different sections to the Eco church survey, when last assessed (Feb 2020) our results were:

Worship and teaching – silver; Buildings – bronze; Land – not yet;

Community & Global Engagement – not yet; Lifestyle – not yet

You can see the questions at

<https://3ak4be4522es3y5i4l2cwfkx-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Eco-Church-Survey-v2-January-2018.pdf>