



St Mark's Church

LEAMINGTON SPA

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

Sunday 14th December

10.00am All Age Christmas Service

Heaven: Revelation 21:1-7

Leader: Amanda di Giovanni

Preacher: Revd Tim Broadbent

Order of Service:

Welcome, Song, Confession,
 Song, Reading, talk, Song,
 Prayers, Song, Blessing

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

This service is livestreamed: www.youtube.com/StMarksChurchLSpa

Sermons are available as Podcasts on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, and many others; available by searching *St Mark's Church Leamington Spa*, or by visiting our website for links.

4.00pm Outdoor Nativity. No access to car park 3.30-6.00pm.

Last admission 5.30pm.

6.30pm Evening Worship

2 Thessalonians 1:6-10 Leader: Anna Stacey

Refreshments served from 6pm

Order of Service:

Welcome, Confession, 3 Songs,
 Reading, Discussion, Sharing &
 prayer, Song, Blessing

Tuesday 16th December

9-11am Brookhurst School Carol Service

Wednesday 17th December

9.15-10.45am Toddlers in the Hall

7.00-8.30pm Youth Group 'Uno' in the Upper Room

Thursday 18th December

9.00-10.20am Church open for private prayer & café

10.30am Holy Communion

2.00pm Milverton School Christmas Assembly

If you have items to be included in the weekly notice sheet please email office@st-marks.net **by 10.00am 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

Thank you to all who delivered Christmas Cards.

Watching and Waiting. Advent Reflections from the diocese <https://www.coventry.anglican.org/advent> We have a few copies at the back of church.

Wanted: Slow cookers. For heating up mulled wine for the Carol Service - contact the office.

Church Clean for Christmas. 2.30-4.30pm on Friday 19th December. Contact Nikki Hill for more information.

More helpers needed for Christingle Services. Please contact Ros.

Christmas Day Lunch. If you will be on your own for Christmas Day you are invited to lunch at St Mark's at 12.30pm. Tracy Bevan has kindly offered to cook, so please let her know if you would like to come **by Sunday 21st**.

Eco-friendly washing up liquid and liquid hand soap. Please bring in any clean empty washing up liquid bottles and liquid hand soap bottles for Sue Holden to collect on 7,14,28 December. These will then be filled and will be on sale on Sunday 11th January after the morning service. With profit going to our Eco Fund.

Surplus stationery items give away. We have some pencils left. Please take any you can use.

Lost Property. On display at the back of church please take what is yours.

Our church children's groups will join together for their Christmas party on 21st December. We will then take a break over Christmas. Groups will restart on 4th January.

We would like more people to join the after service prayer ministry team. Training can be provided. For more info please contact Beryl Chisholm.

Christmas Services

Sunday 21st December

6.30pm - Carol Service followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Wednesday 24th December - Christmas Eve

4.00pm - Christingle **SOLD OUT**

6.00pm - Christingle tickets available - use QR code

11.30pm - Midnight Holy Communion

Thursday 25th December - Christmas Day

10.00am - All Age Holy Communion



Prayer

For your prayers...

- World leaders and the many areas of conflict in the world
- The church in Turkey. www.givinghopetoturkey.org



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 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.

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

Days off 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 9.00-1.00. 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 Holden safeguarding@st-marks.net

Events Coordinator Marcella King events@st-marks.net

Treasurer Ian Holden 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 <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/home/>. 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 the Food Bank <https://shorturl.at/DxxPx> and the Cyrenians supported Accommodation Service <https://coventrycyrenians.co.uk/> (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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