



St Mark's Church

LEAMINGTON SPA

Belonging... Believing... Becoming...

A community of believers, sharing God's love with the world

Sunday 15th March

Mothering Sunday

10.00am Morning Worship

John 9:1-41

Leader: Amanda di Giovanni

Preacher: Revd Tim Broadbent

Order of Service:

Welcome, Song, Confession,
Song, Reading, Sermon, Songs,
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 others;
available by searching *St Mark's Church Leamington Spa*

6.30pm Holy Communion

John 11:1-45

Leader: Revd Tim Broadbent

Refreshments served from 6pm

Order of Service:

Welcome, Confession,
3 Songs, Reading, Discussion,
Sharing & Prayer, Holy Communion,
Song, Blessing

Monday 16th March

1pm Funeral of Frances Cooksley

Tuesday 17th March

9am - 12pm Experience Easter - Milverton School visit

Wednesday 18th March

9.15-10.45am Toddlers in the Hall

7-8.30pm Youth Group 'Uno' in the Upper Room

Thursday 19th March

9.00-10.20am Church open for private prayer & café

10.30am Holy Communion

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



Together for Coventry Diocese. Meeting at 7pm on 18th March at St. Mary's Church, Hall Lane, Walsgrave, Coventry, CV2 2AW. The evening will include a chance to get to know each other, General Synod information sharing, discussion, and prayer. Together is working to promote greater inclusion and equal opportunity to participate in the life and governance of the Church of England.

Words from The Cross. 16 February to 13 April. A reflective exhibition of contemporary paintings and poetry inspired by the final words spoken by Jesus on the cross. Created by Adrian Plass and Ben Ecclestone, the works invite stillness, attention, and honest reflection. Exploring themes of love, suffering, forgiveness, and hope, the works offer space to pause and encounter the Passion story in fresh and unexpected ways. All are warmly welcome. The church is open during our office hours. Postcards of the artwork are available £10 per set or 3 for £20; speak to Tim or Amanda.

Next Gathered Grace 22nd March. 6.30pm Charismatic-style worship in an inclusive space. All welcome.

Unconscious Bias Training. Wed 25th Mar 7-9.30pm. This free course is run by Coventry Diocese and is open to all. You can book or find out more either via Equip Hub <https://www.equiphub.org.uk/courses-events-and-resources/unconscious-bias-awareness-evening-march-2026/> or the church office. Sign up sheet at the back of church.

Gardening Morning. Sat 28th March. 9.30-noon. Weeding & pruning. Please bring tools and bags for waste if possible. Contact the office for more information.

Eco Fair Saturday 6th June 2026. If you are planting any seeds for your allotment/ garden and can do a few extra, we are planning to have a 'grow your own' stall at the Eco Fair in June and would love as many varieties of vegetables, tomatoes, melons etc as possible! Any questions please ask Sophie Harper.

Church Weekend at Home 2026. Save the date: 26-28th June. Details coming soon.

GDPR and Data Consent Forms. Legally we need your consent to use your contact details. 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.

Annual Meeting, Electoral Roll and opportunities to serve

Annual Parochial Church Meeting. This will be on Sunday 10th May after the morning service. Followed by lunch.

Revision of Electoral Roll. If you have joined St Mark's recently, or missed the deadline last year, you are invited to sign up to this. Forms with instructions about eligibility are available in church. You need to be on the electoral roll to stand for the PCC or to vote for PCC members at the annual meeting. It also shows us that you consider St Mark's 'your church'. The closing date for joining the electoral roll prior to the annual meeting is **Sunday 12 April**.

Online congregation members can be on the roll; choose the second set of words in square brackets for 2B (or, less commonly 2C) and note the reason for watching online. Fill in the electronic form, type your name on the signature line and email it to marcella@st-marks.net
If you have any questions please speak to Marcella.

Opportunities to Serve

This year there are 4 vacancies for PCC members, 4 for Deanery Synod and 2 for Churchwardens. Nomination forms are available in church.

PCC and Deanery Synod members serve for 3 years, Wardens for 1.

As part of St Mark's commitment to Safeguarding and in line with national rules, safeguarding training will be required for all of these posts.

The key purpose of a PCC is defined as to "co-operate with the minister in promoting the whole mission of the church in the parish (Pastoral, Evangelistic, Social and Ecumenical)". It involves making decisions about many aspects of church life, including how we spend our money. All PCC members are charity trustees. St Mark's PCC meets 8 times a year, on Monday evenings.

Deanery Synod meets about 3 times a year, representatives come from churches in Leamington and Warwick. Key functions are discussing Parish Share allocation and electing members of Diocesan and General Synods.

A role description for Churchwarden is available - it may be less time consuming than you think, so please consider it and if you have any questions speak to Tim or Marcella.

Please take time to prayerfully consider whether God may be calling you to serve in any of these roles.

Holy Week 2026

Join us for our Holy Week services as we reflect on some of the events on Jesus's journey to the cross... and on Easter Sunday as we celebrate his resurrection. All in the church unless otherwise stated.

Monday 30 March 7.30pm

A service of Night Prayer (Compline) with a short reflection on John 12:1-11.

Tuesday 31 March 7.30pm

A service of Night Prayer (Compline) with a short reflection on John 12:20-46.

Wednesday 1 April 7.30pm

A service of Night Prayer (Compline) with a short reflection on John 14:21-42.

Maundy Thursday 2 April 7.30pm

A service of Holy Communion with hand washing.



Good Friday 3 April 10am



An hour at the cross. Readings, Reflection and music. *Followed by refreshments including hot cross buns. Children's activities from 10-12 with Ros in the Hall – please let Ros know if your children will be there.*

12 noon Churches Together in Leamington Walk of Witness and short service. Starting at Holy Trinity, CV32 5RE

Easter Eve

Saturday 4 April from 7.30pm

Starting with fire pit and hot chocolate in the Vicarage garden then moving into church at around 8pm for a short service and lighting the Easter Candle.

Easter Sunday

Sunday 5 April

6.30am Churches Together Sunrise Service on Campion Hills CV32 4TB

10am 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)

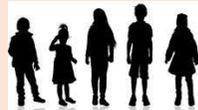
Under 4's Kids Church

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. (currently taking a break)

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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