



St Mark's Church

LEAMINGTON SPA

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

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

Sunday 15th May 2022

God's Power, Our Weakness
2 Corinthians 9:12

10.00am Morning Worship

Leader: Amanda di Giovanni

Preacher: Rev Jo Parker

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

Join us for refreshments at the back of church after the service

Followed by APCM at 11.15am, then lunch in the Hall

6.30pm Holy Communion

Leading and Preaching: Rev Jo Parker

Join us for refreshments from 6.15pm

Wednesday 18th May

Toddler Group 9.15am—10.45am in the Hall.

Thursday 19th May

Toddler Group 9.15am—10.45am in the Hall.

9.00—10.30am Church open for private prayer & café

10.30am Morning Worship

Helpers needed to serve refreshments at Toddlers. Thursday mornings term time only. This would be on a rota basis. Please speak to Ros for more information.

Livestreaming Notice: Our 10am service on Sunday mornings is livestreamed on our YouTube channel 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 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 later this month

Concert for Ukraine. Thank you to everyone who came on Friday night. It was a huge success. A big thank you to Helen + Andrew Cooper for organising it all, and to all those who helped. The evening raised £3,447.



The Well Christian Healing Centre have an **urgent** need for a new Temp Administrator. It is paid, Mon-Thurs. There is potential for an extension into a permanent full-time contract. Please click this link:

<https://christianjobs.co.uk/jobs/well-christian-healing-centre/3782>

Walking on Water. Join St Paul's for a Holy Spirit renewal day on Saturday 21st May from 9.15 to 4pm. Guest speakers Paul and Becky Harcourt who attend All Saints, Woodford Wells. For more information and book your space follow this link:

<https://stpaulsleamingtonspa.churchsuite.com/events/d68w8zds>

Time to Pray. Through the pandemic it has been impossible to meet 'in person' to pray but we are restarting this soon. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday 24th May at 7.30pm - 8.45pm in the Upper Room and we will then meet 2 or 3 times each term. Everyone is welcome and it may be that, once established, this will take the place of Small Group for that week. There is so much we can pray for and engage with - internationally, within our communities and personally. Let's encourage one another to come together and share and pray for the things concerning us. Further information from Sarah Lee: 01926 421347 or Helen Toner: 07973 145934

Jubilee Celebration. We will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at St Mark's at the Thursday morning café and church on 2nd June and at the all age service on 12th June. On Thursday there will be refreshments to include scones with cream & jam served before and after the service. We would encourage you to join in with any events in your neighbourhood on the 5th.

Thursday Morning Café. We would love to have more people helping with this, it doesn't need to be every week. The church is open for refreshments between 9 - 10.30am. All are welcome to drop in, no obligation to attend the service, although you would be very welcome. Please speak to Jo for more information.

Diocesan Parsonages Committee Elections for new members. The primary objective of the Parsonages Committee is to ensure that housing provided for Diocesan clergy is of a good standard, that necessary repairs and improvements are undertaken in a cost effective and timely manner. Members are elected for three years, from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2025. The Committee meets at least three times each year, normally on weekday afternoons in the Diocesan Office in Coventry. Closing date for nominations 26th May. <https://coventry.anglican.org/your-church-role/info-for-clergy/property-department/the-parsonages-committee/the-parsonages-committee.php>



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Foodbank. Items can be left in the labelled pew at the back of Church on the left as you come in. You can check what they need at <https://warwickdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

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

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.uk and you can find St Mark's from the front page, and set it up online. Thank you.



Sight Loss Friendly Church. As part of our commitment to inclusivity, St Mark's has joined Sight Loss Friendly Church. If you, or someone you know, are affected by sight loss please let the office or Jo know how we can help.

Flourish Vacancies. There are currently vacancies for **Projects Team - Groups Team Lead** - a creative, experienced and passionate individual who can take the lead on the delivery of our pioneering group courses.

Admin and Finance Officer - an organised, details-focused individual with financial prowess who can operationally support the work of Flourish.

Mentoring Coordinator - a focused, multitasker with exceptional interpersonal skills to coordinate our dedicated team of mentors.

More details of these roles and recruitment pack on www.youcanflourish.co.uk

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, 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

- Ukraine and all affected by the conflict there
- 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
- The Mundays in Nepal: Dan in Healthcare Development and Phillipa in Education (Newsletter at back of church, or from the church office).

Environment: Ongoing impact of climate change in many countries. Our response as individuals and as a nation.

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The office is open Monday to Friday 9am –1pm. Phone messages can be left at other times.

Staff meeting Wednesday 11.00am-12.00pm.

Days off: In general Jo does not work on Fridays, Heather & Ros do not work on Saturdays.

Eco News

A Prayer

Dear Father God

This month we pray that you would help us take time to reflect on the topics we have looked at so far this year - Electricity, Gas, Transport and Food Waste. Help us also to reflect on what the latest science tells us. The IPCC report released in February 2022 states:

“Human-induced climate change is causing dangerous and widespread disruption in nature and affecting the lives of billions of people around the world, despite efforts to reduce the risks. People and ecosystems least able to cope are being hardest hit.”

Lord, none of us can bear the burden of this problem alone. Help us not to feel overwhelmed and alone. Ultimately you are in control. Encourage us to make the changes that we are capable of in our own lives so that we tread more lightly on this planet. We know that You will see the efforts we make, however small they may seem. Bless our efforts, we pray, and help us to persevere.

In your name Jesus Amen

Reusing

Freecycle/ sell/ swap/ de-clutter call it what you will, this is a space to advertise items which others may want. There are some guidelines:

- St Mark's Church takes no responsibility for the condition or safety of items advertised.
- By advertising you are giving permission for people to contact you.
- Email the office with a description of your item, you can include a photo.
- We will just put your name on the advert. People can either contact you directly or can email the office and we will forward their details to you.
- Please let us have details by Wednesday.
- Items will be advertised for a month.

Recycling

In church we are collecting: biros, blister packets, cosmetics containers, dental products and soft plastics.

12 months of saving money and helping the planet

A pause to reflect

This month we are pausing to reflect on the four areas covered so far Gas, Electricity, Transport, and Food/Food waste.

Sometimes we may need time to catch up with life and hopefully we can catch a moment to check in on where we are at with these issues, or to leave it all for this month.

Information is still available at the back of Church if you would like it.



Going for Silver

Last year we achieved the Bronze Eco Award from A Rocha. We are aiming to improve our care for God's creation further by aiming for the Silver award. To do this we need help in the following areas:

- Bird boxes
- Regular bird feeding
- Involvement in local environmental/wildlife/conservation schemes – let us know if you are involved already or know people who are
- Mowing regimes and land management – any knowledge welcome
- Participation in wildlife surveys

Please contact the office if you can help with any of these., or would like to be involved with the eco group in any other way.

