

Sunday 16th January 2022

10.00am Service

John 2 v 1-11

Leader: Rev'd Jo Parker

Preacher: Amanda di Giovanni

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

6.30pm Evening Worship

Philippians 2

Leader: Rev'd Heather Elson

Monday 17th January

7.30pm PCC Meeting on Zoom

Wednesday 19th January

Toddler Group 9.15am—10.45am in the hall.

Thursday 20th January

Toddler Group 9.15am—10.45am in the hall.

9.00—10.30am Church open for private prayer & café

10.30 Morning Worship

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



Calling Musicians and singers. We are in the process of putting new rotas together and would love to have some new people join us in leading the congregation in sung worship on Sunday mornings. You don't have to be perfect. Please contact the office for more information.

Yellow Pages and GDPR. The St Mark's Yellow pages is a booklet with contact details for church members. It is completely voluntary, but does help with communication. We need to update this, so if your contact details have changed since summer 2019, or you have joined the church since then and would like to be included please let the office know by the end of January. Owing to GDPR we need written consent to use your information, so if you haven't filled in a data consent form please do so. Forms will be sent out by email and are available in church. If you want to check what information we hold please email the office. The form gives you the option to say how we can use your information. It is helpful for the church office to have your contact details even if you don't want them to be known to the wider congregation. Copies of our privacy policies can be found on the website <https://www.st-marks.net/community/policies>

The Well is running an Online Training course for those who want to learn how to pray with confidence for those who need healing. Thursday 27th January, 7.15 p.m. – 9.45 p.m. Tickets £12, <https://www.wellhealing.org/wp-event/the-wells-online-healing-training-foundation-course/>

Hope4Business at Coventry Cathedral on Wed 19th January 2022, 6:30pm for 7pm worship. For all Christian business leaders - regardless of their church or denomination - who would like to seek afresh God's exciting purposes for their working lives. Free of charge, partners welcome. Contact james.holden@leader.co.uk for details. Please register on Eventbrite. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hope4business-tickets-203718295907> Warm drink on arrival. Refreshments afterwards. Online streaming available if you cannot attend in person.



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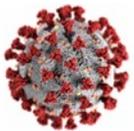
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Foodbank items can be left in the labelled pew at the back of Church on the left as you come in. You can check what they need at <https://warwickdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

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

Treasurer. Still needed. Please talk to Amanda di Giovanni, Jo Parker or Marcella King for more information.

Old Milverton WI meet at St. Mark's at 2.15pm on the first Tuesday of the month. They are a friendly group of ladies who are pleased to welcome visitors and new members. On 1 February Kate Castle will tell us about the Supporting Mature Drivers scheme. Our Speaker on 1 March will be Lynn Stubbings, recently retired Chair of National Federation of Women's Institutes talking about her experiences in that role. If you would like an interesting afternoon, cup of tea and a chat please come along. Unfortunately we will have to charge you £3 but it's good value for money!



Covid

Masks are mandatory for those over 11 who don't have a valid exemption.

Socially distant seating throughout the church is still in place for Sunday and Thursday services. Please remember to use hand sanitiser on the way in and bring a mask with you. Do not attend if you or any of your family have any Covid symptoms, or if you are self-isolating. Refer to Government guidelines on self-isolation.

Please err on the side of caution—we want you to join us, but staying safe is more important.

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

- 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 Mundos 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

Creator God,
We thank you for the gift of electricity that brings light and warmth to our homes and places of work and worship and allows us to communicate with people all over the world. Remind us not to take this gift for granted or to be careless with it. Help us to use it responsibly and to invest in more sustainable ways of creating it.
In your name Jesus, Amen

Reduce, reuse, recycle

Some useful links:

<https://wonkyvegboxes.co.uk/>

Warwick and Stratford-on-Avon District Council are inviting residents to join a free webinar on Thursday 20 January 2022 from 6.30pm to 7.30pm with the University of Warwick's Vegetarian and Vegan Society on how to reduce your meat consumption as part of 'Veganuary'. the link is www.warwickdc.gov.uk/carbonconnected

Vegetarian and Vegan Recipes

If you have any good recipes you would like to share, please send them (with pictures if possible) to Sue Turner sue@st-marks.net

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.



12 months of saving money and helping the planet

This year we are looking at one area each month that could save you money and help the planet.

You could pick one suggestion for the month, or two or three, or try one a week. Various suggestions are provided as different people can do different things, so you don't have to do them all!

1. January – electricity

- a) Set an alarm for 7 pm each day and turn off all unused lights.
Can you monitor this during the day?
- b) Shower- can you shower for 1 minute less? Or buy a timer.
- c) Don't over fill the kettle- put in enough for the number of drinks you are making
- d) Put a Thermos by the kettle and put in any boiled water still in the kettle for your next drink
- e) Turn all appliances off standby
- f) Air dry laundry rather than tumble dry
- g) Buy energy saving light bulbs
- h) Wash clothes on a lower temperature