



# St Mark's Church

## LEAMINGTON SPA

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

### Sunday 18th January

#### 10.00am Morning Worship

Ezekiel 34: 11-16 & Luke 19:1-10

Leader: Helen Toner. Preacher: Marie Calvert  
*After the service, please join us for refreshments at the back of church.*

This service is livestreamed: [www.youtube.com/StMarksChurchLSpa](http://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.

#### Order of Service:

Welcome, Song, Children leave,  
 Confession, Song, Reading,  
 Sermon, Songs, Prayers, Song,  
 Blessing

### 6.30pm Holy Communion in the Lounge

Luke 7:36-50

Leader Rev Tim Broadbent

*Refreshments served from 6pm*

#### Order of Service:

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

### Monday 19th January

7.30pm PCC in the Upper Room

### Wednesday 21st January

9.15-10.45am Toddlers in the Hall

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

### Thursday 22nd January

9.00-10.20am Church open for private prayer & café

10.30am Holy Communion

### Friday 23rd January

7.30pm Make in the Hall. Thread and wool projects. Bring your own or start something new with us.

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

**Christingle.** £885 was raised for the Children's Society through cash donations in church. Thank you.



**The Well Christian Healing Centre.** Quiet morning led by the new Co-Directors Ian and Ruth Dowsett, 'Behold I am Doing a New Thing'. Thu 22nd Jan. Coffee from 9.15am, start at 10am finish 1pm. £17 including coffee/tea and home bakes. To book visit [wellhealing.org](http://wellhealing.org). For more info please speak to Beryl Chisholm.

**Flourish Volunteer Explore Evening** 28th January, 7.30pm at the Sydni centre. See poster behind the welcome trolley for more info, or <https://www.youcanflourish.co.uk/get-involved>

**30 January SWIGS meeting, 7.30pm, £15** (but please contact Sophie or Hannah if this cost is a problem). Further details to follow on a 'Winter' theme, Candelmas lights, and a fun activity! For any more information, please contact Sophie or Hannah on [shea20@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:shea20@hotmail.co.uk)

**Candlemas Light Journey.** 30 and 31 Jan Drop in between 6&9pm

**7 February. Chippy Quiz in the hall.** Suitable for all ages. Doors open 6pm, food 6.30pm. Finish around 9pm. Tickets including meal options <https://bit.ly/49AkTMA> or QR code. For safety reasons numbers are limited.



**Calling Artists and Crafters. Would you like to be part of an exhibition here in St. Mark's church?** 'Art at St. Mark's' will be a venue for Warwickshire Open Studios, a major county-wide art event. Thu 2 - Sun 5 July. There will also be an event in the church called 'A Celebration of Creativity'. **I need to know by Sun 25 Jan** if you would like to be part of this. Contact Marie Calvert [marie@mariecalvert.co.uk](mailto:marie@mariecalvert.co.uk)

**OMEGA course about Death and Dying.** St. Mark's is hosting this excellent short course to help us talk together about a subject that is so often taboo. It will be practical, with time to reflect and think about our own wishes, and to learn how to respond to others who are bereaved or facing end of life issues. And there will be cake, and also soup! Fri 6 Mar 1-5pm and Sat 7 Mar 10am-4pm. For all ages, and is a great thing to do with a group of friends/small group. Info from Marie Calvert .

**Unconscious Bias Training.** Wed 25th March 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.

**Volunteers wanted for fundraising Skydive for Ventures holidays.** Our proposed date will be 8.30am on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at Hinton's Skydive Centre in Banbury. If anyone 16+ within the church congregation would like to take part, please can they contact Fiona on [fhenshaw@cpas.org.uk](mailto:fhenshaw@cpas.org.uk). See [www.cpas.org.uk/skydive2026](http://www.cpas.org.uk/skydive2026) for more information.

## Prayer

### For your prayers...

- World leaders and the many areas of conflict in the world
- The church in Turkey. [www.givinghopetoturkey.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:office@st-marks.net) or phone as above.

**Ros** [ros@st-marks.net](mailto:ros@st-marks.net) or phone as above.

**Safeguarding Officer** Sue Holden [safeguarding@st-marks.net](mailto:safeguarding@st-marks.net)

**Events Coordinator** Marcella King [events@st-marks.net](mailto:events@st-marks.net)

**Treasurer** Ian Holden [treasurer@st-marks.net](mailto:treasurer@st-marks.net)

**PCC Secretary** Sue Holden [sue@st-marks.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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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