



# St Mark's Church

## LEAMINGTON SPA

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

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

**Sunday 19th November**  
**10.00am Morning Worship**  
**Matthew 25:14-30**

Leader: Rev Ellie Clack  
 Preacher: Marie Calvert

[www.youtube.com/StMarksChurchLSpa](http://www.youtube.com/StMarksChurchLSpa)

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

**6.30pm Holy Communion. Matthew 25:31-46**

Leader: Revd Tim Broadbent.

**Wednesday 22nd November**

9.15-10.45am Toddlers in the Hall

7.00-8.30pm Youth in the Upper Room

**Thursday 23rd November**

9.15-10.45am Toddlers in the Hall

9.00-10.20am Church open for private prayer & café,

10.30am Morning Worship

7.30pm Eco Team Meeting on Zoom. Link available from the office.

**Order of Service:**

Welcome,  
 Songs, Children leave  
 for their groups,  
 Song, Confession,  
 Reading, Sermon,  
 Communion, Prayers,  
 Song, Blessing

**Order of Service:**

Welcome  
 Confession  
 3 Songs  
 Reading  
 Sermon & discussion  
 Sharing & prayer  
 Holy Communion  
 Song, Blessing

**Livestreaming Notice:** Our 10am service on Sunday mornings is livestreamed on our YouTube channel [www.youtube.com/c/StMarksChurchLSpa/videos](http://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](mailto:office@st-marks.net) by **10am 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



**Shiena Hattersley.** We are sad to announce that Shiena died on Sunday 12th November. Please pray for her family and friends. Funeral to be held 4th December; details to be confirmed.

**Welcome Brunches.** We would love to have a team of people to prepare and host brunches for people new to the church. They would be in the Lounge on a Sunday morning after the service. Probably 3 or 4 times a year. First date Sunday 3rd December. If you would like to be involved please contact the office.

**Have your say in the appointment of the new Bishop of Coventry.** There is a 3 question poll available to all via the Diocesan Equip Hub website [Diocesan Wide Poll - Equip Hub](http://Diocesan Wide Poll - Equip Hub)

**Cleaner still needed.** (details [www.st-marks.net/about/meettheteam](http://www.st-marks.net/about/meettheteam) )

**Recycling Plastic Flower pots!** Dobbies Garden Centre will take these. If you are unable to take them yourself, they can be left at the back of church **during November only**, and we will arrange transport. Please make sure they are clean.

**Time to Pray.** 30th November 7.30pm in the Upper Room. Our half termly meeting praying for the needs of our world.

**Helping Hands 2023 Shoe Box Appeal.** Boxes need to be in church by **Sunday 3rd December** or directly to Helping Hands shop on Gloucester Street by **Monday 4th December**. See poster/ fliers for details. *We have some boxes if anyone needs one.*

**Donations for local families in need.** We are hoping to support local families identified through Brookhurst and Milverton Schools with super-market vouchers they can use towards their Christmas food. Donations can be made via the collection plate by **10th December** please. Please label clearly.

**Christmas musical evening.** Saturday 9th December 7.30 at St Marks. Tarantara will sing music to suit all tastes. In aid of Flourish, who work with girls 11-18 to improve their self esteem, build emotional resilience and strengthen mental wellbeing. Tickets £12.50 to include glass of wine or soft drink. Please come and invite your friends. Tickets from <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/youcanflourish/1040778>

**Carol Singers needed. Monday 18 December** 12-1 at Leamington College. The Chaplaincy team needs more singers to help us bring some Christmas cheer to college. It's great fun to do. Please let me know if you can help! Thanks, Marie Calvert.



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**Christmas Tree festival.** Churches Together are having a tree at All Saints' Parish Church, running from Friday 8th December to Sunday 17th December. We are seeking decorations ("homemade" or mass produced) from our family of Churches. Decorations should be nativity based: stars, angels, shepherds, sheep, donkeys, wise men. Paper "ribbons" with Bible verses would also be most welcome. The tree will have a nativity scene at its base. The names of churches which have contributed will be displayed. Decorations are needed by Wednesday 6th December so that the Churches Together Tree can be ready for the grand opening of the festival (hosted by Mary Rhodes of BBC Midlands Today) on the evening of Friday 8th December. Contributions can be dropped off in a box at the All Saints' Cafe (inside the Church), Tuesday-Saturday between 11.00am and 4.00pm. If you'd like your decorations back, perhaps to add to your own tree, please attach a label.

**FIRs Christmas Lunch.** Tuesday 12th December 1pm-3pm. Tickets £5. Please book at the November lunch or with the office by 4th December.

### General Notices

**St Mark's Family Quiz Evening** with Fish and Chips Supper. Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2024. 6pm for 6-30pm meal. Alternative meal choices will be available. Tickets on sale from 7<sup>th</sup> January.

**Yellow Pages.** New edition available from the office, please shred or burn your old ones. They can be returned to the office for shredding.

**Cyrenians supported living house.** We are still collecting men's toiletries and towels. There is a box at the back of church.

**Giving to St Mark's.** We are very grateful to everyone who gives financially. You can give on line, 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](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk) and you can find St Mark's from the front page, and set it up online. Thank you.  
If you are writing or updating your will, please consider leaving us a legacy.

**Good quality furniture or electrical items you no longer need?** Myton Hospice will collect. See [The Myton Hospices - Retail Donations Collection Service](#) for details.

### Days off

**Tim's day off will usually be Tuesday.**

**Ros does not work Saturdays.**

**Fiona works Tuesday and Thursday.**

**Amanda works Monday, Wednesday and Friday.**

### Contact information

Tim can be emailed on [vicar@st-marks.net](mailto:vicar@st-marks.net) We are still working on phone connection to the vicarage, but you can ring the office during office hours and may catch him then, or you can leave a message. 01926 421004

## **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 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**

- Conflict in Gaza and the desperate suffering 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 Mondays in Nepal: Dan in Healthcare Development

### **Environment: CORD Update**

<https://cord.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Cord-Reflect-October-23-Web-Version-0.3.pdf>

Praise God for the wonderful results we're seeing of our work with Women Environmental Defenders throughout Southeast Asia. For example, in Kratie Province, Cambodia, the number of women members of Community Forest Protection Groups has risen from 5 to 25 in the last 3 years. Let's pray that more women are supported to take on these roles by their communities. Their involvement is vital for long-term peace, as they bring different perspectives, challenge prejudice and promote equality.