



St Mark's Church

LEAMINGTON SPA

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

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

Sunday 1st November

No Pathfinders today

10.00am Holy Communion

Reading: Exodus 12:1-14 & 29-36

Leader: Revd Tim Broadbent, **Preacher:** Amanda di Giovanni

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

This service is livestreamed: www.youtube.com/StMarksChurchLSpa.

Sermons are available on podcast apps by searching St Mark's Church Leamington Spa

6.30pm Evening Worship in the Church

Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:17-32 **Leader:** Amanda di Giovanni

Refreshments served from 6pm

Wednesday 4th November

9.15-10.45am Toddlers in the Church Hall

7.00-8.30pm Youth Group 'Uno' in the Upper Room

Thursday 5th November

9.00-10.20am Church open for private prayer & café

10.30am Holy Communion

7.30-8.45pm Together in Meditation

Friday 6th November

1pm Wedding of James & Lucy

7.00-9.00pm Curry Night for Nepal in the Hall. Tickets needed.

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

A big thank you to the church family for all the messages of condolence and memories sent to our family following the death of Terry Fermor. Your love and prayers are very uplifting. Katy.

Bereavement Service. Sunday 8th November 3pm. A quiet service in which to reflect on those we have lost. All welcome.

Confirmation Service at St Mark's on Tuesday 10th November 7pm.

🚩 Nepal flood disaster fundraiser. A Curry Night with a difference! Friday 6th November, 7-9pm in the church hall. See flyer or website for more details. If you don't use QR codes here is a link <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/curry-night-for-nepal> or you can buy tickets with cash from Phillipa Munday, Jason or Liz Garrett.

Our Carol Service will be on 20th December at 6.30pm and Ann Parsons will again be leading a choir: If you like singing or would just like to 'give it a go', please come to the first practice of St Mark's Community Choir on Thursday 12th November at 7.00pm in the Church Hall. Our first performance at last year's Carol Service received rave reviews, so why not join us to sing traditional, well-loved carols for this year's Carol Service. Contact Ann Parsons for further information on ann@aparsons.com

Community Christmas Lunch (formerly FIRs). Tuesday 8th December 12.45 for 1pm. This is ticket only and will be £10. Tickets will be available at the November lunch (10th) and from the church office until 30th November.

St Mark's Outdoor Nativity Trail – Sunday 13th December. Come and experience the wonder of the Christmas story as we journey together through the Nativity, meeting familiar characters along the way. A lovely opportunity for people of all ages to enjoy the true meaning of Christmas, with festive refreshments and crafts to enjoy at the end.

Volunteers Needed! We would love your help to make our Outdoor Nativity a special experience for everyone. There are lots of ways to get involved, from playing a part in the Nativity to helping with refreshments, crafts and preparations. Please add your name to the sign-up sheets in church if you can help. All volunteers are asked to arrive at 2pm on Sunday 13th December.

Church weekend away 2027 save the date. We have booked the Pioneer Centre again for Friday 17th – Sunday 19th September 2027.

Organ Fund Update. See flier for more information. If you enjoy hearing the organ in church and feel you can contribute something towards its future, you can donate by using the yellow envelopes (make sure it's marked 'Organ Fund'), leave a cheque at the church office (in an envelope marked 'Organ Fund') or you can pay by bank transfer to our HSBC account (St Marks PCC, sort code 40-27-06, account number 81328069) and put the word 'Organ' in the reference. Gift Aid will be added to the Organ Fund where appropriate.

Prayer

For your prayers...

- Those affected by natural disasters and wars around the world
- The work of Foodbank, both CAPs and all who strive for justice



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 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 Friday or Saturday. 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

Churchwardens Anna Stacey, Andrew Lee wardens@st-marks.net

Children & Young People

Sundays (except all age services and school summer holidays)

Early Years Church

Climbers (Year 1-3). Explorers (Year 4-6).

These meet together on the 1st Sunday of the month.

Pathfinders (Yr 7 and up)

Wednesdays (term time). 'Uno' Youth group (Yr 7 and up)





Giving financially to St Mark's. 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 at www.parishgiving.org.uk. 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. If you are new we suggest you take a few months to settle in before getting involved - enjoy just worshipping with us.



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.



Social media. We have Facebook and Instagram pages. Search for St Mark's Leamington Spa.



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