

Please pray for..

Prayer for the week:

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please pray for all those members of our congregation who need our ongoing prayer. (Prayer requests can be added to this or recorded in a book in the office.)

- Our country and its leaders in these uncertain times
- CPAS & Bible Society as they help to spread God's word,
- Warwick Gates & New Hope Counselling Centres
- Thrive Youth Ministries & Crossteach

If you have any pastoral needs or would like to be on the prayer list please contact the church office on 01926 421004 or by email at office@st-marks.net or speak in confidence to the Vicar or Sidney Syson.

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St Mark's Church

LEAMINGTON SPA

Sunday 20th January 2019

Welcome

A very warm welcome to St Mark's. If you need any help with anything do ask the welcomers who greeted you when you arrived. Toilets are located at the back of the church and in the hall complex. If you'd like to know more about what happens in the life of the church, do take a copy of the welcome booklet, speak with one of those leading the services today, or visit our website. www.st-marks.net

Theme for morning services:

I love my church! We don't go to church, We are the church!

Giving, Receiving and Rejoicing: Philippians 4: 4-20

9.30am Morning Worship

Leader & Preacher: Revd Jo Parker.

Reading: Ian Salvin. Prayer: "this time tomorrow" David Robinson

Prayer Ministry: Sidney Syson & Sue Turner

11.15am Holy Communion

Leader & Preacher: Revd Jo Parker

Reader: Sheila Stables. Prayers: Ruth Smith.

Prayer Ministry: Ruth Smith.

No Evening Service at St Mark's

6.30pm at St Paul's.

United Service to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

WE SEEK TO BE A COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS IN JESUS CHRIST
WHO ARE DEVOTED TO: LOVING GOD, LOVING OTHERS, MAKING NEW DISCIPLES.

Events and activities this week

Office open Monday to Friday 9.30am-1.30pm, except Wednesday 11.30-12.30 when closed for staff meeting.



- Monday 21st January** PCC Meeting 7.30pm in the Lounge
- Wednesday 23rd January** Church open for refreshments and prayer 9.00-11.30am
Staff Meeting 11.30am-12.30pm
Christianity Explored in the Upper Room 7.30pm
- Thursday 24th January** Noah's Ark Praise & Play 9.15-10.45am in the Hall
Old Testament Words with Bob 7.30pm in the Upper Room
- Friday 25th January** Toddlers 9.15-10.45am in the Hall
- Sunday 27th January** Theme: Small Groups
9.30am Morning Worship
Leader & Preacher: Amanda di Giovanni
- 11.15am Holy Communion**
Leader: Revd Ellie Clack
Preacher: Amanda di Giovanni
- 6.30pm Evening Worship**
Bible Reading. 2 Timothy 3: 16-17
Preacher: Revd. Bob Clucas

Please note: Jo will be away from Wednesday 23rd January through to Wednesday 30th January inclusive. During that time, please do not leave messages with the vicarage, but direct all enquiries to the office.

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.



You can receive this notice sheet by email - just contact the office. You can also stop receiving it - again contact the office. Our privacy policy can be found on the website.

Events and activities coming up later this month



St Marks 5-year Strategic Plan. We are very keen for as many as possible to have a voice. There will be post-it notes in the pews and large sheets of paper in the chancel until the end of January for you to make comments. Please speak to Jo or Matty McArthur for more information.

Work to repair or replace some of the paving in the nave and aisles of the church started on Monday 14th January. It will probably take 2 weeks, certainly no more than 3 weeks, please be prepared for some of the aisles to be cordoned off over the next 2 Sundays (from today). The Wardens.

On Wednesdays the church will be open from 9.30-11.30am for refreshments and prayer. Eventually we hope to have a small café. If you would be interested in helping with this please speak to Jo.

Church weekend away 2019. Please pick up a flier and book your place.

Helping Hands Big Sleepout 8th February 2019 - Julie Brown and our vicar Jo will be taking part in this to raise funds for *Helping Hands*. If any of you would like to volunteer to form Team St Mark's you would be most welcome: see Julie. Or consider sponsoring them - there's a sponsorship form at the back of church.

The Band Heartbeat return on Saturday 9th February for another fun evening of music from the 60's, 70's and more. Tickets are £8 to include coffee and cake in the interval. BYO drinks, and non alcoholic punch will be available. Tickets available from Jane Wigman (744916) and the Church Office.

Confirmation service will be held here at St Mark's on **Sunday 3rd March** at 10.30am. If you are interested in being confirmed please speak to Jo.

Old Testament words and Christian meanings: A series of talks (4th Thursday of the month 7.30-9pm in the Upper Room) followed by discussions for small group members and anyone else interested, led by Bob Clucas. Not a course, nor intellectual (it's Bob). It will be about the cultural feeling underlying the meaning of words. The aim is to help folk enjoy reading the Old Testament in English; to better understand the background of the New Testament and to help us get a better feeling for the Word of God. **Jan 24th The Most Important Word in the Old Testament – The Name.** Please contact the office if you are interested.

Lent course on Revelation. We are joining with St Paul's, Leamington for a study course on Revelation (the book in the bible) for 5 Wednesday evenings in Lent, starting on Weds March 13th, at 7.30pm. The course will be led by Andrew Dow. All are welcome to come and join with us. There will be a charge of £10 per head to cover course materials and refreshments.

A date for your diaries: Monday 4th February. Streams in the Desert, an inspiring event for women, will be held that evening in St Paul's Church Leicester Street. Arrive at 7.15pm for coffee; worship and teaching start at 7.45pm and the event finishes at 9.30pm. This is a date change from the advertised date in the printed leaflet from the Well Christian Healing Centre.

Volunteer Faith Ambassador at Myton Hospice details from the office or <https://www.mytonhospice.org/volunteer-vacancies/faith-ambassador-volunteer/>

Jamie Robinson is available to do gardening work @ £10 ph. Philippa, Sidney, or Andrew and Sarah Lee will all testify to his work if you're interested. Call him on 07914 093318.