



# St Mark's Church

## LEAMINGTON SPA

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

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

### Sunday 22nd February

**10.00am Morning Worship**

Matthew 4:1-11

Leader: Marie Calvert

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](https://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

### 6.30pm Evening Worship

Matthew John 3:1-17. Leader: Marcella King

Refreshments served from 6pm

### Lent Groups - See board in church

### Wednesday 25th February

9.15-10.45am Toddlers in the Hall

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

### Thursday 26th February

9.00-10.20am Church open for private prayer & café

10.30am Morning Worship

### Friday 27th February

7.00pm 'David Bowie and the search for life, death and God' book launch with the author - Peter Ormerod.

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

**Thank you from Ruth Buckley.** "I can't begin to thank you all adequately for your unbelievably generous gifts from the Thursday and Sunday congregations. Your love and support means an immense amount as I leave St Mark's. Thank you from the bottom of my heart."



**Eco Washing Up Liquid and Hand Wash:** If you have empty washing up bottles or hand wash bottles then leave them in the recycling boxes in Church on a Sunday morning. We will be selling filled ones on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March after the morning service.

**World Day of Prayer Service on Mar 6th at Lillington Free Church, 2pm.** Anna Godwin, on the committee who organises this, would love to have a representative from St Marks join the group. It isn't a huge role, if interested contact [annagodwin@talktalk.net](mailto:annagodwin@talktalk.net)

**Next Men's and Inclusive curry night.** Friday 6th Mar 7:30pm. Venue TBC. Please contact Andrew Lee 07512 411690 to book or for details.

**Streams events (for ladies).** Breakfast Sat, 7<sup>th</sup> Mar 9.15am, cost is £10. Rev Anne Hibbert speaking on 'You shall be like a well watered garden'. To book a place go to [www.wellhealing.org](http://www.wellhealing.org) For more information please speak to Beryl Chisholm.

**Next Welcome Brunch** Sun 8th Mar after the morning service. For anyone new or new-ish. Please let the office know if you would like to come and if you have any dietary requirements.

**Make.** Fri 13th Mar. 7.30pm in the hall. Spring flower-themed crafts.

**Words from The Cross.** 16 February to 13 April. A reflective exhibition of contemporary paintings and poetry inspired by the final words spoken by Jesus on the cross. Created by Adrian Plass and Ben Ecclestone, the works invite stillness, attention, and honest reflection. Exploring themes of love, suffering, forgiveness, and hope, the works offer space to pause and encounter the Passion story in fresh and unexpected ways. All are warmly welcome.

**FIRs re-brand and price increase.** We are changing the name to "St Mark's Community Lunch" so that it is more obviously open to all, and the suggested donation will be £6 from March. Card payments now accepted. It is really helpful to know who is coming by the Friday beforehand.

**We would like more people to join the after service prayer ministry team.** Training is available at The Well Christian Healing Centre on Thu 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 7.15- 9.45 pm. Please speak to Beryl Chisholm if you would like to do this training.

**Next Gathered Grace now 22nd March.** 6.30pm Charismatic-style worship in an inclusive space. All welcome.

**Coventry Diocese Safeguarding Audit.** There will be an opportunity for everyone to take part in a survey as part of this, see [INEQE Safeguarding Audit - Diocese of Coventry](http://INEQE Safeguarding Audit - Diocese of Coventry)

## 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.

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## 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. (currently taking a break)

**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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