St Mark's Church
LEAMINGTON SPA

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

Sunday 22nd November **Christ the King**
10.00am Morning Worship
Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 & Ephesians 1:15-23
Leader: Ellie Clack, **Preacher**: Revd Tim Broadbent

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. Being With in the Upper Room
Reading: Mark 13:28-37 Leader: Amanda di Giovanni
Refreshments served from 6pm

Wednesday 25th November
9.15-10.45am Toddlers in the Church Hall
7.00-8.30pm Youth Group 'Uno' in the Upper Room

Thursday 26th November
9.00-10.20am Church open for private prayer and cafe
10.30am Morning Worship
7.00pm Choir rehearsal in the Hall

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

Christmas Cards to the Parish. These are now available to deliver. If you have a bundle with your name on please take it - or let the office know that you are no longer able to deliver them. Other bundles - anyone who has some free time please take some. The first event is on the 13th December so please deliver before then. Thank you.

Men's and Inclusive Group Curry Night. Friday 27th November. Bombay Restaurant, Regent Street. 7.30pm. To book please contact Andrew Lee. andrew@st-marks.net or 07512 411690.

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

Friendship Project for children concert at St Mark's on 5th December. Featuring local singer-songwriter Rob Halligan. 7.15pm. All proceeds from ticket sales will go to the charity. See poster at the back of church or website for more info.

Cake Sale 6th December after the morning service. Erin and Olivia (two of our youth members) are fundraising towards their World Challenge Volunteering trip to Malaysia this summer. Over three weeks they will be volunteering on local community projects and take part in turtle conservation work. A selection of cakes, donuts and cookies will be available. Please bring cash if possible.

Can you help? Volunteers needed to give occasional lifts to church to someone who lives in Coventry (CV1). Contact the office if you can help.

There is a new law coming into effect next year-Martyn's Law- and we'd like a small group to look at making sure we're compliant as a venue that can have over 200 attendees. We need to look at our protocols for evac/invacuation, communication and lockdown. It would be great to have a small working party to look at this. The official guidance is still being drafted and there is plenty of time to get ourselves compliant so this is not a high pressure role! It is not expected that we make any big structural changes-it's more about protocols and preparedness. Please get in touch with Anna (anna@st-marks.net) if you think this is something you could be a part of or have more questions about the role.

The next page includes a prayer list for St Mark's please let us have any comments or suggestions.

Coventry Diocese



An invitation from Bishop Sophie:

"I am delighted to welcome you to join me in a Year of Prayer in the Diocese of Coventry.

As we have been moving towards a refreshed vision and renewed strategy for the future of our diocese, there has been a strong sense that the best place to start is in prayer; to draw closer to God, personally and corporately, and to pray for those we are called to live amongst and serve in our communities.

Following on from our season of 'Walking Forward Together' as we begin a new church year at the start of the season of Advent, the world is more in need of the reconciling love of God in Christ than ever...

Thank you for joining in. We are confident that, when we ask, God will hear and answer our prayers as we put our trust in Him, depending on him for our every need." You will find details of the Advent resources here https://coventry.anglican.org/advent If you are visiting Coventry there are four simple, self-guided prayer stations in the Cathedral (usually open Monday to Saturday, 10am–4pm, and Sunday, 12pm–3.30pm - but check)

Prayer at St Marks

We would also like to encourage and guide you to pray more for St Mark's here is a weekly prayer diary – but please pray in whatever way works best for you. If you know about any of these pray specifically; if you don't just hold the area up to God in a time of silence.

If you feel God is saying something to you which should be passed on then please email the office.

Monday – church leadership: Vicar, Children & Families Worker, Wardens, PCC, Small Group Leaders, Children's and Young People's Group Leaders.

Tuesday – current needs: building projects – flat roof, south door access, rainwater goods; Youth Worker

Wednesday – staff team (Tim, Ros, Amanda, Karen) and the day to day running of St Mark's.

Thursday – schools (Brookhurst, Milverton, Trinity), Leamington College and Uniformed Groups.

Friday – all those who volunteer on Sundays and during the week

Saturday – life events: baptisms, weddings, funerals; those who are finding life difficult

Sunday – for our services: Sun am, pm and Thursday.

Christmas 2026

13 December

Outdoor Nativity Trail 4-5.30pm

Last admission 5pm

20 December

Blue Christmas at 2pm

A quiet service offering space to reflect through poetry, music and imagery, especially suitable for those who find Christmas difficult

Carol service at 6.30pm

Followed by mulled wine and mince pies

24 December Christmas Eve

Christingles at 3pm and 5pm

Bring your own orange. This is (free) ticket only

https://www.tickettailor.com/events/stmarkschurchleamingtonspa

or QR code

3pm

5pm

Midnight Holy Communion at 11.30pm

25 December Christmas Day

All Age Holy Communion at 10am

Prayer



For your prayers...

- Those affected by natural disasters and wars around the world
- Those who find this time of year difficult; victims-surviors of abuse

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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