



St Mark's Church

LEAMINGTON SPA

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

Sunday 23rd August

10.00am Explore Together

Reading: Matthew 5:3-4

Leader: Amanda di Giovanni

Preacher: Marie Calvert

Welcome, 2 songs, confession,
reading, explanation of the options
& options, return to church, song,
prayers, song, blessing.

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

Eco Stall. Offering refills of washing up liquid, hand soap and laundry liquid.

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

Sermons are available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, and other apps by searching *St Mark's Church Leamington Spa*

No Evening Service

Wednesday 26th August

10.00 -11.30am Summer Fun in the garden and church. For preschool children and older siblings.

Thursday 27th August

9.00-10.20am Church open for private prayer & café

10.30am Morning Prayer

1pm Memorial Service for Sheila Stables

Explore Together services:

There are no children's or young people's groups in August. Instead, when it comes to the sermon there is a choice between short sermon + discussion, craft activity, game or prayer stations - all related to the theme of the service.

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

Funeral service for John Briffitt: 3pm on Wednesday, 26th August at Oakley Wood. Please pray for Christine and the family at this time.



Memorial service for Sheila Stables. 1pm on Thursday 27th August at St Mark's. Please pray for her family at this time.

Change to our Children and Families Worker's hours. Ros's hours have changed, her work stays the same. Her days off are now Friday and Saturday, and Tuesday will usually be a working off-site day.

Warwickshire Pride. On Saturday 22 August, members of St Mark's are warmly invited to join Warwick & Leamington LGBT Christians in the Warwickshire Pride March through Leamington Spa. Pride is both a joyful celebration of LGBT+ life and a continuing stand against injustice, and walking together is a simple, visible way for us to show that St Mark's is a church where LGBT+ people are welcomed, valued and affirmed. The march starts at 11.00am, assembling on Beauchamp Road, before joining the Pride Festival in the Pump Room Gardens. If marching is a bit much, please just drop by our stall to say hello!

OMEGA course on death and dying: 24 Sept, 15 Oct, 29 Oct 7-9.30pm and 14 Nov 10am-4pm. We are repeating this helpful course over a couple of months this Autumn, flyers attached and at back of church. Explore this difficult topic in a safe environment, led by a retired palliative care consultant. A mix of practical information, opportunities to share and explore, and learn how to support others who are bereaved or nearing the end of life. More info: Marie Calvert marie@mariecalvert.co.uk

Our next Being With course begins at St. Mark's on Sunday 27th September.

Refreshments will be served from 6.00pm, with the course starting at 6.30pm. 'Being With' is a chance to explore some of the foundations of the Christian faith in a safe environment. Whether you are new to the Christian faith or have been following Jesus for many years, you are invited to join us. Speak to Revd Tim for more info. Evening service continues as normal.

GDPR and Data Consent Forms. Legally we need your consent to use your contact details. If you have already completed a data consent form you do not need to complete a new one - unless you want to change anything. If you are relatively new then do fill one in. It includes options to receive the notice sheet by email, to allow the office to pass on contact details and be included in our 'Yellow Pages' church directory. Return completed forms to Amanda or the office, or leave in the collection plate.

St Mark's Yellow Pages. This is a directory of contact details for members of St Mark's. If you would like to be included please indicate on the data consent form. If your details have changed please contact the office. **New issue out in September.**

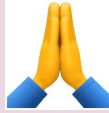
Available: spacious single room to rent in shared home in Warwick, all bills included. Enquiries to Sheila & David Robinson 07757 222918.

Refreshed vision & strategy for the Diocese of Coventry. Autumn events, all welcome! [Read more about this work and sign up for the events here](#)

Prayer

For your prayers...

- World leaders and the many areas of conflict in the world
- National and local government, MPs, Councillors
- The church in Turkey. 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 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 Fridays and 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 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.

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Safeguarding Officer Sue Holden safeguarding@st-marks.net

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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)

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)



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 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

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.



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