

Sunday 24th October 2021

What can I do?

10.00am Morning Worship

<https://www.youtube.com/c/StMarksChurchLSpa/videos>

Leader: Revd Jo Parker with Sophie Harper

Children's Eco church meeting after the service postponed till 31 Oct & 7 Nov

6.30pm Evening Worship in the Hall

Join us for worship & prayer as we continue to look at Ephesians.

Leader: Amanda di Giovanni

Wednesday 27th October

No Toddlers—Half Term

Thursday 28th October

No Toddlers—Half Term

9.00—10.30am Church open for private prayer & cafe

10.30am Holy Communion

Saturday 30th October

7-9pm Fire Pit in the church garden. All Welcome

Livestreaming Notice:

Our 10am service on Sunday mornings is livestreamed on our YouTube channel www.youtube.com/c/StMarksChurchLSpa/videos The distribution of Holy Communion will not be filmed.

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. 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 later this month

Remembering Wall: you are welcome to add a stone to our wall to remember someone. The theme of our 10am service on 31st October will be “**All Souls**” and there will be an opportunity to light a candle to remember lost loved ones. We are not having a separate bereavement service this year. The children will be having a **Celebration of Light Breakfast Party** during the 10am service on 31st October.



Youth Group: alternate Wednesdays 7-8.30pm in the Upper Room. Starting 3rd November. Contact Heather for more information.

SU Bible Reading notes: Ruth will need to order this week the Scripture Union Bible Reading daily notes, to be ready for Jan 1st 2022, so if you would like them as part of your daily Quiet Time just phone her on 427613, or sign up at the back of church where there is more information and sample copies. (Old!) Ruth Smith.

Weekend retreat: 12-14 November led by Marie Calvert. The theme is 'Pray & Play: The Prodigal Son'. Fully residential £175, at the House of Bread, near Shipston on Stour. Time out with God in a spacious environment to rest and rediscover this familiar story in multi sensory and playful ways. Contact Marie on 881591 if interested.

Church Flowers: if you would like to make a donation towards the cost of flowers (perhaps in memory of a loved one) then please put it in a clearly labelled envelope in the collection plate or hand into the church office. If you have some experience and would like to join our flower team then please speak to Anne Tarrant.

Prayer for COP26: this will be a major part of the evening service on Sunday 31st October. There are some great resources at https://wea-sc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/COP26-Prayer-points_English.pdf

Updated Covid Guidelines 22 October: Due to rising numbers locally we have reluctantly decided not to serve refreshments after the service for the next few weeks and to resume socially distant seating throughout the church. So please remember to use hand sanitiser on the way in and continue to wear face masks. Children's groups and Pathfinders are cancelled on the 24th. Do not attend if you or any of your family have any Covid symptoms, or if you are self-isolating. You can come if members of your family are self-isolating.



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Foodbank items can be left in the labelled pew at the back of Church on the left as you come in. You can check what they need at <https://warwickdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

We are also collecting towels and toiletries for the local Supported Living House.

Giving to St Mark's. We are very grateful to everyone who has continued to give financially. If you used to give week by week into the church plate we would like to ask you to consider giving on line, either by scanning the QR code, using this link <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/670e813c-9dbf-456a-b47e-c077c9a02904> or the one on the church website.



Or, best of all, you can set up a regular direct debit through the Parish Giving Scheme. Go to www.parishgiving.org and you can find St Mark's from the front page, and set it up online. Thank you.

Crossteach Vacancy. Fulltime schools worker. Closing date 17 November <https://www.crossteach.com/schoolsworker-1-year-warwickshire/>

Bluebell project. Next date Tuesday 26th October 1.30-3.30pm.

Churches Together in Leamington Walking Group. Monthly walks have restarted. Next date 20th November, see poster on the left as you come into church or contact ctlwalkers@gmail.com

Christmas Fair: in conjunction with Milverton Primary School. **Saturday 11th December 2-4.30pm** (Tree Decorating at 3pm). We are in need of cake donations and tombola donations (good quality items). Please contact Fiona in the office to arrange drop off.

Pray for people and organisations supported by St Mark's

Local

- The Well Christian Healing Centre
- Brookhurst, Milverton & Trinity Schools
- New Hope Counselling Centre
- Thrive Youth Ministries & Crossteach
- Beryl Chisholm, Darren Mitchell, Andrew Cooper, and all who are part of Christians Against Poverty working to help people escape debt and poverty,
- Leamington College and the St Mark's Chaplaincy Team in their work there
- Craighaven Residential Home
- Leamington Nightshelter & The Way Ahead Project (Homeless Action Project)
- Nightlight and Street Pastors
- Helping Hands
- Foodbank
- Cyrenians Supported Accommodation Service

National and International

- CPAS & Bible Society as they help to spread God's word,
- CORD and their work with refugees
- Open Doors and the persecuted church around the world,
- TEAR Fund as they work to relieve poverty around the world
- The Mundays settling into their work in Nepal: Dan in Healthcare Development and Phillipa in Education (Newsletter at back of church, or from the church office).

Environment

- COP26 United Nations Climate Change Conference 31 Oct– 12 Nov. <https://www.24-7prayer.com/great-britain/19/pray-for-climate-justice-cop26>

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Staff meeting Wednesday 11.00am-12.00pm.

Days off: In general Jo & Ruth do not work on Fridays, Heather & Ros do not work on Saturdays.