



St Mark's Church

LEAMINGTON SPA

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

Sunday 25th January

10.00am Morning Worship

Luke 7:36-50 & Psalm 51:1-12. Leader: Wendy Young.

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 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

Mark 2:1-12 Leader: Anna Stacey

Refreshments served from 6pm

Monday 26th January

7.30pm Leaders and Preachers Meeting in the Upper Room

Tuesday 27th January

11.00am Funeral of Manley Sweeny

Wednesday 28th January

9.15-10.45am Toddlers in the Hall

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

Thursday 29th January

9.00-10.20am Church open for private prayer & café

10.30am Morning Worship

Friday 30th and Saturday 31st

6-9pm Candlemas Light Journey in church (drop in)

7.30pm SWIGS in the Upper Room (Women's and Inclusive event book by Friday 23rd)

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

Sheila Searle & family send their heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to making David's funeral service such a moving and inspiring occasion, and to all who attended in person and online. Thanks also to those who have sent messages of sympathy or offered support. David would have been amazed at the response to his death and it is giving me great comfort at this difficult time. God bless you all Sheila.

Please continue to pray for Sheila and family as her sister died on Friday.



Flourish Volunteer Explore Evening 28th January, 7.30pm at the Sydni centre. See poster behind the welcome trolley for more info, or <https://www.youcanflourish.co.uk/get-involved>

SWIGS Women's Meal. Very last call for anyone who would like to come: Fri 30th Jan 7.30 pm Upper Room. Candlemas, snowwomen, food, and fun! £15 - (please see us if cost is an issue) Please let us know by Friday 23rd January (Sunday service at latest!) Many thanks, Sophie and Hannah (shea20@hotmail.co.uk)

7th February. Chippy Quiz in the hall. Suitable for all ages. Doors open 6pm, food 6.30pm. Finish around 9pm. Tickets including meal options <https://bit.ly/49AkTMa> or QR code. For safety reasons numbers are limited.



Calling Artists and Crafters. Would you like to be part of an exhibition here in St Mark's church? 'Art at St Mark's' will be a venue for Warwickshire Open Studios, a major county-wide art event. Thu 2 - Sun 5 July. There will also be an event in the church called 'A Celebration of Creativity'. I need to know by Sun 25 Jan if you would like to be part of this. Contact Marie Calvert marie@mariecalvert.co.uk

OMEGA course about Death and Dying. St Mark's is hosting this excellent short course to help us talk together about a subject that is so often taboo. It will be practical, with time to reflect and think about our own wishes, and to learn how to respond to others who are bereaved or facing end of life issues. And there will be cake, and also soup! Fri 6 Mar 1-5pm and Sat 7 Mar 10am-4pm. For all ages, and is a great thing to do with a group of friends/small group. Info from Marie Calvert .

Next Welcome Brunch Sun 8th March after the morning service.

Unconscious Bias Training. Wed 25th March 7-9.30pm. This free course is run by Coventry Diocese and is open to all. You can book or find out more either via Equip Hub <https://www.equiphub.org.uk/courses-events-and-resources/unconscious-bias-awareness-evening-march-2026/> or the church office.

Recycling in Church. Toothpaste tubes can now go in kerb side recycling! So, we are collecting all other dental products only. Also, Biro's, cosmetic containers, old spectacles/glasses, and now Marigold gloves. There are two small boxes on the right of the right hand sofa at the back of church for these. Many thanks, the Eco Team.

Prayer

For your prayers...

- World leaders and the many areas of conflict in the world
- 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 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

Events Coordinator Marcella King events@st-marks.net

Treasurer Ian Holden treasurer@st-marks.net

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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

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



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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