



St Mark's Church

LEAMINGTON SPA

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

Saturday 25th April

12.30pm The wedding of Mark Brown and Tricia Colburn

Sunday 26th April

10.00am Morning Worship

Reading: Job 2:9-3.10

Leader: Wendy Young

Preacher: Amanda di Giovanni

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

Order of Service:

Welcome, Song, Children leave,
 Confession, Song, Reading, Sermon,
 Songs, Prayers, Song, Blessing

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*

6.30pm Evening Worship

Leader: Revd Tim Broadbent

Refreshments served from 6pm

Order of Service:

Welcome, Confession, 3 Songs,
 Reading, Discussion, Sharing &
 prayer, Song, Blessing

Wednesday 29th April

9.15-10.45am Toddlers in the Hall

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

Thursday 30th April

9.00-10.20am Church open for private prayer & café

10.30am Morning Worship

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

Tim and Margaret would like to thank all who helped and attended Robin's funeral. It was a great send off and many of Tim's relatives were very complimentary of the church and the service. Thank you to the hospitality team and the flower team.



INEQE safeguarding audit for Coventry Diocese. Please complete an online survey. The link to the survey is here [direct link](#). Or use the QR code. Most people will need to complete the one called 'The Parish Community'. Closing date 6th May. Contact Sue Holden if you have any questions.



Church Annual Meeting (APCM) Sunday 10th May after the morning service. Followed by a Bring & Share Lunch. Please complete one of the fliers in the pews or let the office know you are planning to come so we have an idea of numbers. We suggest that if your surname begins with A-M you bring something sweet, and N-Z bring something savoury.

Nomination forms to serve on the church council (PCC), Deanery Synod or as a Churchwarden are available in church (red board near the toilets). This year there are 4 vacancies for PCC members, 4 for Deanery Synod and 2 for Churchwardens. PCC and Deanery Synod members serve for 3 years, Wardens for 1. Please see next page (**Opportunities to Serve**) or speak to Tim or Marcella for more information.

Eco Washing Up Liquid and Hand Wash. Bring in your empty washing up and liquid hand wash bottles to Church and leave in the recycling box at the back of Church or give to Sue Holden. Filled bottles will be sold after the morning service on 10May.

Evangelical and Inclusive: A Future and a Hope. Book launch at St Mark's on 13 May at 7pm. Four contributors to the book, including David Runcorn, will be joining us for an evening of presentations and discussion.

Make. A community craft night on 15 May at 7.30pm in the community centre hall. This time we will be making no-bake sweet treats. £5 suggested donation.

Helping Hands Family Festival. Saturday 16th May 12:00 - 4:00pm. A fun-filled event packed with activities for all ages, including: live music and entertainment, arts, crafts, and DIY kits, food, games, raffles. Leamington Rugby Club, Kenilworth Road, CV32 6RG. £5 for adults, kids go free! [Buy your tickets here!](#)

Eurovision Final. 16 May at 7.30pm until the end of the songs. Join the party in the community centre! Watch the songs, eat the bring-and-share food from around the world, marvel at the costumes, feel the love. Please let us know you're coming by emailing events@st-marks.net

Church Weekend at Home Fri 26-Sun 28 June. Programme, speaker details and booking form now available. Please book by 15th June so we can arrange catering and children's/ young people's groups. Come for as much or as little as you can, everyone welcome.

Opportunities to Serve

The key purpose of a PCC is defined as to “co-operate with the minister in promoting the whole mission of the church in the parish (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical)”. It involves making decisions about many aspects of church life, including how we spend our money. All PCC members are charity trustees. St Mark’s PCC meets 8 times a year, on Monday evenings.

Deanery Synod meets about 3 times a year, representatives come from churches in Leamington and Warwick. Key functions are discussing Parish Share allocation and electing members of Diocesan and General Synods.

As part of St Mark’s commitment to **safeguarding** and in line with national rules, safeguarding training will be required for all of these posts. In addition to meetings there is a rota to act as duty warden for Sunday services, information is provided and it works out at about 3 times a year.

Please take time to prayerfully consider whether God may be calling you to serve in any of these roles. No experience, or particular skills are necessary - you just need to care about St Mark’s.

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.

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

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 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. 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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