



Belonging... Believing... Becoming...

A community of believers, sharing God's love with the world

Sunday 26th June 2022

1 Peter 2:4-10

10.00am Morning Worship

Leader: Marie Calvert

Preacher: Amanda di Giovanni

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

Join us for refreshments at the back of church after the service

6.30pm Evening Worship

Leading & Preaching: Amanda di Giovanni

Join us for refreshments from 6.15pm

Wednesday 29th June

Toddler Group 9.15am—10.45am in the Hall

Youth Group 7-8.30pm in Upper Room with Rev Heather Elson

Thursday 30th June

Toddler Group 9.15am—10.45am in the Hall

9.00—10.30am Church open for private prayer & café

10.30am Morning Worship

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

Prayer Ministry. Now available after the Sunday morning services every week except for the 2nd Sunday All Age services. Please come to the prayer space (near the pulpit) after the service. Prayer is available at other times and after other services. Please speak to Jo or the person leading the service.



Time to Pray. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 5th July at 7.30pm. Further information from Sarah Lee or Helen Toner 01926 421347 or 07973 145934

Summer fun. Outdoor fun and games for families in the church grounds. Refreshments provided. Wednesday mornings 10–11.30am. Thursday afternoons 1–2.30pm. From 27th July–25th August.

Helpers needed to serve refreshments at Toddlers. Thursday mornings term time only. This would be on a rota basis. Please speak to Ros for more information.

Thursday Morning Café. We would love to have more people helping with this, it doesn't need to be every week. The church is open for refreshments between 9 - 10.30am. All are welcome to drop in, no obligation to attend the service, although you would be very welcome. Please speak to Jo for more information.

Leaving gift for Heather. Heather's final service with us will be on Sunday 10th July. If you would like to contribute to a leaving present, donations (in labelled envelopes) can be left in the collection bowl or in the church office. There will be a bring and share lunch after the service.

Churches Together in Leamington Walking Group. Saturday 16th July. 9.45am Meet at Castle Farm Recreation Centre, Fishponds Road, Kenilworth, CV8 1EY. Optional lunch at Clarendon Arms after. Please let Margaret Fox know if you wish to stay for lunch (margaretfox14@aol.co.uk).

Our Bible Summer. We are going to take the opportunity over the summer to listen to different voices from our church community tell us a little bit about themselves and then tell us about a bible passage that has had a big impact on their lives and why. One of the team will interview you so you're not up front on your own and they can help you pick up your thread if you are a bit nervous. It doesn't matter if you are new to St Marks or have been with us for many years, how old or young you are or which service you normally go to, this is a great chance for us all to get to know each other a bit and learn how God has been working in each other's lives. So we would love a few volunteers! Do have a chat with Jo or Amanda.



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Reg. charity no. 1128485

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.uk and you can find St Mark's from front page, and set it up online. Thank you.



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If you are writing or updating your will, please consider leaving us a legacy.

Sight Loss Friendly Church. As part of our commitment to inclusivity, St Mark's has joined Sight Loss Friendly Church. If you, or someone you know, are affected by sight loss please let the office or Jo know how we can help.

Eco Church Going for Silver

Last year we achieved the Bronze Eco Award from A Rocha. We are aiming to improve our care for God's creation further by aiming for the Silver award. To do this we need help in the following areas:

- Bird boxes
- Regular bird feeding
- Involvement in local environmental/wildlife/conservation schemes – let us know if you are involved already or know people who are
- Mowing regimes and land management – any knowledge welcome.



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

- Ukraine and all affected by the conflict there
- 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 in Nepal: Dan in Healthcare Development and Phillipa in Education (Newsletter at back of church, or from the church office).

Environment: Ongoing impact of climate change in many countries. Our response as individuals and as a nation.

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The office is open Monday to Friday 9am –1pm. Phone messages can be left at other times.

Staff meeting Wednesday 11.00am-12.00pm.

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

Water

Climate change is altering our weather. By 2040, more than half our summers could be hotter than some of the hottest heatwaves the UK has already experienced, river levels could drop by as much as 80 percent, and water shortages could be significant.

National Geographic.co.uk

Sir James Bevan (CEO of Environment Agency) laid down a gauntlet to everyone across the country in 2019, cautioning that the country is facing 'an existential threat' as 'we will not have enough water to meet our needs'.

Water conservation must begin to seep into public consciousness, especially if we want to ensure the UK's water future.

www.wired.co.uk/article/water-drought-shortage-england



In the Bathroom

Showers, toilets, baths and bathroom sinks consume more than two-thirds (68%) of household water.

Baths and showers

Highest usage of water consumption in the home, at around 34%.

Average shower head uses 12 litres of water per minute – a power shower 15 litres. Average shower is 10 minutes.

Aerated heads reduce flow but don't compromise on pressure.

Low flow heads reduce the amount of water used to 6 litres per minute and feel like a normal shower.



Toilets

About 30% of total water used to flush the toilet.

Dual flush toilets have a split flush button and typically use 4-6 litres of water opposed to the old style using 13 litres per flush.

Cistern Displacement Device (CDD)

Placed in the cistern to displace around 1 litre of water every time you flush. Can save up to 5000 litres per year. FREE from most water companies.



Brushing your teeth

Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth – a running tap wastes about 6 litres per minute.

Dripping tap? Could waste about 5,500 litres of water a year and could just need the washer replacing.



In the Kitchen

Kitchens consume over a fifth (22%) of a household's water.

A dishwasher

On an eco setting can be more efficient than washing dishes by hand, if the dishwasher is totally full.

However, recent research found that only half of people use the eco setting.



Washing machine

Typical load of washing is usually less than the maximum capacity of the model.

If buying new, check the label or specifications for water use, can be less than 7.5 litres per kg.

Read the manual to find out which cycles are the most water efficient.



Drink Enough Water

Plants love to have a drink of any leftover water in glasses.

Try to fill the kettle with only what is needed, or put any extra boiled water in a thermos flask for next time.

Using the lid on saucepans reduces the amount of water lost through evaporation.

