



St Mark's Church

LEAMINGTON SPA

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

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

Sunday 28th January

10.00am Morning Worship

Luke 2:22-40 & Psalm 24: 7-10

Leader: Rev Tim Broadbent

Preacher: Marie Calvert

www.youtube.com/StMarksChurchLSpa

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

Order of Service:

Welcome, Song,
Confession, Reading,
Talk, Songs, Small
Group Interviews
Prayers, Song,
Blessing

6.30pm Holy Communion

John 1:1-14

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Order of Service:

Welcome, 3 Songs,
Confession Reading
Sermon & discussion
Sharing & prayer
Holy Communion, Song,
Blessing

Wednesday 31st January

9.15-10.45am Toddlers in the Hall

7.00-8.30pm Youth Group in Upper Room

Thursday 1st February

9.15-10.45am Toddlers in the Hall

9.00-10.20am Church open for private prayer & café,

10.30am Holy Communion

7.30pm Eco Team in the Upper Room

Saturday 3rd February

6.00-9pm St Mark's Family Quiz in hall. Food Served at 6.30pm. Speak to Andrew Cooper aandhcooper@tiscali.co.uk if you have any questions.

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

Post Christmas Gift Swap. Do you have any unwanted gifts from Christmas or previous occasions? Bring along anything you are happy to give away to our Quiz event (or into church in the weeks beforehand, for anyone not coming) so that someone else might benefit from it. Anything left at the end of the evening will be taken to a charity shop.



New Money Coaching course (previously The Cap Money Course). Saturdays 3rd and 10th February (2 sessions) 10 am till 12.30pm at The Westbury Centre Westlea Rd Leamington CV31 3JE. If you are baffled by budgets; bored of being broke or want to plan for the future, book a place, contact Beryl Chisholm 07796615235, neilandberylchisholm@hotmail.com

Advance notice of electrical inspection. This will be carried out from 12-15th February (Half Term week). FIRs and the Thursday Café and service will go ahead as normal and evening bookings are unaffected, but other day time bookings are cancelled, access to hall and church will be limited and office work and phone may be interrupted as the power will need to be off at times. Please bear with us and allow plenty of time for response to emails, phone calls, etc.

Next Welcome Brunch. Sunday 25th February after the morning service. For anyone new (or newish) to St Mark's, join us for brunch in the church hall (11.15am-12.15pm - ish). Please let the office know if you would like to come and if you have any specific dietary requirements. Invitations at the back of church.

Lego. Following the success of the Lego activity in the all age service, does anyone have any (small amounts) that they would be willing to donate to St Mark's. Please let Ros know. ros@st-marks.net

Family Brunch. A time for you to chat over brunch about the joys and challenges of parenting / family life. From March - Monthly after the All-Age service. In the upper room (11.15am-12.15pm - ish). Tim and Ros will organise games in the hall for the children. For catering purposes please let Ros know if you would like to attend ros@st-marks.net

Flourish Volunteer Taster Evening. Tuesday 30th January 7.30pm at Forrest Coffee House, Kenilworth. Email hello@youcanflourish.co.uk for more information or to book.

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.



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Together in Meditation

1 Kings 19: A sound of sheer silence

'Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice . . .'

In a nut shell: Sitting in silences with others, spending time in God's presence, actively listening and reflecting.

Why: Life is full on and its often difficult to make time just to be in God's presence – to listen for a heavenly voice, to reflect on what God has done and is doing. Together in mediation provides an opportunity to come together in silence, to create a space to be with God. Having a group of people to meditate with really helps to maintain focus – and the discipline of maintaining a solid time of stillness and quiet.

When and where: Starting Thursday 7th March we will be meeting at 7.30pm in the Upper Room and then on the first Thursday of the month. A short introduction, 40 minutes of sitting quietly together and a cup of tea or coffee and a chat at the end. Nothing complicated, anyone can do it, all welcome.

Speak to Colum Goodchild for more information.

'Within your temple, O God, we meditate on your unfailing love' (Psalm 48)

Giving to St Mark's. We are very grateful to everyone who gives financially. You can give on line, using this link <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/670e813c-9dbf-456a-b47e-c077c9a02904> or the one on the church website. <https://www.st-marks.net/more/giving> You will also find a link to a Gift Aid declaration form here.

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 the front page, and set it up online. Thank you.
If you are writing or updating your will, please consider leaving us a legacy.

Small Groups at St Mark's. This will be the 2nd Sunday of interviews with a few small group members about how being in a group helps to grow their faith. We are encouraging people who are not in a group to consider joining one. We know that they don't work for everyone, also that it is very important to find the right group so we suggest a "try before you buy" approach.

Our groups meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, with one Wednesday morning group meeting by Zoom. We are looking to start a new daytime group - probably on a Tuesday, and perhaps a new evening group if there is sufficient interest. 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

General Information

Days off

Tim's day off will usually be Tuesday.

Ros does not work Saturdays.

Fiona works Tuesday and Thursday.

Amanda works Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Contact information

Tim can be emailed on vicar@st-marks.net Or phone 01926 421004 and follow the instructions.

Office

The office is open Monday-Friday 9-1. Email office@st-marks.net or phone as above. Please avoid office related questions on Sundays.

Foodbank donations welcome. See <https://warwickdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/> for current requirements.

Cyrenians supported living house. We are collecting men's toiletries and towels. There is a box at the back of church (under the tables). To find out more <https://coventrycyrenians.co.uk/>

Churches Together in Leamington Walking Group. See poster on the left as you come into church or contact ctlwalkers@gmail.com