

Please pray for..

### Prayer for the week:

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**Please pray for** all those members of our congregation who need our ongoing prayer. (Prayer requests can be added to this or recorded in a book in the office.)

- Operation Christmas Child: for those sorting and transporting shoeboxes and the children who will receive them.
- Richard Bacon, Beryl Chisholm, Darren Mitchell, and all who are part of Christians Against Poverty working to help people escape debt and poverty,
- CORD and their work with refugees
- Leamington College and the St Mark's Chaplaincy Team in their work there
- Craighaven Residential Home
- Our country and its leaders in these uncertain times

**If you have any pastoral needs or would like to be on the prayer list please contact the church office on 01926 421004 or by email at [office@st-marks.net](mailto:office@st-marks.net) or speak in confidence to the Vicar or Sidney Syson.**

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# St Mark's Church

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**Sunday 2nd December 2018**  
**Advent Sunday**

## Welcome

A very warm welcome to St Mark's. If you need any help with anything do ask the welcomers who greeted you when you arrived. Toilets are located at the back of the church and in the hall complex. If you'd like to know more about what happens in the life of the church, do take a copy of the welcome booklet, speak with one of those leading the services today, or visit our website. [www.st-marks.net](http://www.st-marks.net)

#### Yearning. Psalm 80

#### 9.30am Holy Communion

Leader: Revd Jo Parker

Preacher: Amanda di Giovanni.

Reader: Tom di Giovanni

Prayers: Sidney Syson. Prayer Ministry: Norman and Yvonne Warren.

#### 11.15am Morning Worship

Leader: Revd Jo Parker.

Preacher: Amanda di Giovanni.,

Reader: Ann Parsons. Prayers: Ruth Smith. Prayer Ministry: Ruth Smith.

*Evening services are now in the Lounge.*

#### 6.30pm Evening Worship

**Theme: Preparing: Mary.**

Psalm 131 and Isaiah 40: 3-6.

Leader: Revd. Jo Parker.

Preacher: Revd Bob Clucas.

Reader: Abby Rodham.

WE SEEK TO BE A COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS IN JESUS CHRIST

WHO ARE DEVOTED TO: LOVING GOD, LOVING OTHERS, MAKING NEW DISCIPLES.

## Events and activities this week

**Monday**  
3rd December

Office 9.30am - 1.30pm - Amanda

**Tuesday**  
4th December

Office open 9.30am - 1.30pm - Sheila

**Wednesday**  
5th December

Prayer Walk around the Parish 8.30am  
Office open 9.30 - 11.30am - Amanda  
Staff Meeting 11.30am - 12.30pm  
Office open 12.30 - 1.30pm - Sheila

**Thursday**  
6th December

Office open 9.30am - 1.30pm - Sheila  
Noah's Ark Praise & Play 9.15-10.45am in the Hall

**Friday**  
7th December

Office open 9.30am - 1.30pm - Amanda  
Toddlers 9.15-10.45am in the Hall  
Make 7.30pm in the Lounge  
Armonico Concert in the Church 7.30pm

**Saturday**  
8th December

Children's Christmas Party 2pm in Church to include decorating our Christmas Tree.

**Sunday**  
9th December  
**The Second Sunday of Advent**

**9.30am All Age Parade Nativity Service**  
Leaders: Revd. Jo Parker & Ros Davies

**11.15am Holy Communion**

Reading Luke 3: 1-6

Leader: Revd. Jo Parker.

Preacher: The Ven. Norman Warren

**6.30pm Evening Worship** *in the Lounge*

Theme: The Coming King

Leader & Preacher: Revd. Jo Parker.



If you have items to be included in the weekly notice sheet please email [office@st-marks.net](mailto:office@st-marks.net) by 10am Wednesday. Keep in touch via [www.st-marks.net](http://www.st-marks.net) or St Mark's Facebook Page.

You can receive this notice sheet by email - just contact the office. You can also stop receiving it - again contact the office. Our privacy policy can be found on the website.

## Events and activities coming up this month

**#FollowTheStar... We still have some bundles of our church Christmas card/fliers at the back of church.** Please take a bundle or two and deliver them as soon as possible. Many thanks.



**FIRS Christmas Lunch Tuesday 11th December—buy your ticket today! £5.50.** You will need to buy a ticket **by Tuesday 4th December** for this lunch. Tickets will be available after this morning's services. See Sheila after the 9.30 and Ruth after the 11.15, to buy your ticket.

**Christingle Service will be held on Monday 24th December (Christmas Eve) at 4pm.** **We need plenty of volunteers** to welcome, direct people to their seats, hand out Christingles, organise the lighting of the candles and help to ensure all runs smoothly and safely. We also need extra Welcomers for the Carol Service on the 16th. Please contact the office if you are able to help.

**CAP Christmas Hampers** CAP would like to bless our low-income clients with Christmas hampers. Would you please consider donating luxury food items and/or money to contribute? CAP volunteers will pack and distribute these on **Saturday 15th December** at St Mary's Church, Leamington from 10am, for anyone who would like to help with this. Please hand in any money donations to the St Mary's Church office. If you can help pack, please let Darren know: [darrenmitchell@capuk.org](mailto:darrenmitchell@capuk.org)

**MAKE - Friday 7th December 7.30pm.** Everyone is welcome to come along and try their hand at a new craft in a relaxed atmosphere suitable for all levels. Suggested donation of £5 per head to cover materials, refreshments and Instructions. Please come along and bring a friend! For more information email [makeleamington@gmail.com](mailto:makeleamington@gmail.com) or speak to Amanda Wood, Marcella King or Ellie Clack.

**Sunday 9th December:** Jo and Ian would like to warmly invite everyone who attends the 1115 service to the vicarage for Sherry and Nibbles after the service.

**Church weekend away 2019.** Please pick up a flier and book your place.

**Pop Up Gallery sale:** great gift ideas, ceramics, textiles & paintings at North Lodge (entrance to Jephson Gdns) from today until Sun 9 Dec. 10am-4pm daily (excluding Mon 3rd) Marie Calvert is exhibiting paintings & photos alongside 4 others. Do pop in.

**Merry Christmas Everyone**, a new anthology of poems, stories and reflections from the Association of Christian Writers, encompassing the full emotional range of the Christmas Season, is out now, and Sheila Robinson (pen-name SC Skillman) is one of the contributors with a reflection called *The Christmas List*. An ideal Christmas gift and resource for readings at Christmas gatherings. Please see Sheila in the office or call her on 07757 222918 if you'd like to buy a copy.

**Christmas Concerts at St Mark's:** we have two concerts coming up at St Mark's in December - **Friday 7th December** at 7.30pm Armonico Consort will be presenting "The Advent of Christmas" and on **Wednesday 19th December** The Choir of Clare College, Cambridge will be giving a carol concert. You can buy concert tickets in the office.

**We will be running Christianity Explored** again, starting on Wednesday 16th January in the Upper Room. Please start thinking about who you could invite.

**Carol Sheets**—if you or your small group are planning to sing carols you are welcome to borrow carol sheets. They are on a shelf on the Welcome Trolley in church.