



# St Mark's Church

LEAMINGTON SPA

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

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

### Saturday 30 March

7pm Fire pit in the Vicarage garden followed by short service in church at 8 pm and lighting our Easter candle. Hot chocolate available. Bring a garden chair if you have one. **Please email Tim (vicar@st-marks.net) if you are planning to come.** Will be cancelled if wet.



### Easter Sunday 31st March 2024

6.30am. Sunrise service on Champion Hills, CV34 4BT Followed by breakfast at Lillington Free Church

### 10.00am All Age Holy Communion

Isaiah 25:6-9 & Mark 16: 1-8  
Leaders: Amanda di Giovanni & Rev Tim Broadbent.  
Preacher: Rev Tim Broadbent

**Order of Service:**  
Welcome, Song, Quiz,  
Confession, Reading,  
Sermon, Song, Prayers,  
The Peace,  
Holy Communion,  
Song, Blessing

Preacher: [www.youtube.com/StMarksChurchLSpa](http://www.youtube.com/StMarksChurchLSpa)

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

### No Evening Service

**Clocks go forward on Sunday morning**

**Monday 1st April  
Office Closed**

**Wednesday 3rd April  
Office Closed**

**Thursday 4th April  
No café or service**

7.30pm Together in Meditation in the Upper Room



**Livestreaming Notice:** Our 10am service on Sunday mornings is livestreamed on our YouTube channel [www.youtube.com/c/StMarksChurchLSpa/videos](http://www.youtube.com/c/StMarksChurchLSpa/videos)  
The distribution of Holy Communion will not be filmed.

## Events and activities coming up



**Together in Meditation.** 4th April 7.30pm. 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.

We are sad to announce that David Tipper died on 19th March. His funeral will be at St Marks on 15th April at 11am (tbc). Please pray for Sue and the family.

**Being with Course.** Discovering Christian Faith in a positive and inclusive group. No special knowledge or religious language needed. Just what you have learned in life so far. A 9 week course starting Thursday 11 April at 7.30pm in the Upper Room. Contact Tim for more details [vicar@st-marks.net](mailto:vicar@st-marks.net)

**Family Quiz with Domino's pizza at St. Mark's. Saturday 27 April at 6:30 pm**  
Josh McEvoy and Holly Harris are putting on this family quiz to fundraise for their trip to Belize with Warwickshire Scouts. The trip will be a once in a lifetime experience, visiting places they have never seen before, enjoying the history and culture of Belize, meeting local Scouts and helping with a community project. Please bring friends/family along to the quiz, £10 for adults/£7.50 for 16 and under (incl. Domino's pizza). If you would like to come, please email us at [belize.quiz@gmail.com](mailto:belize.quiz@gmail.com).

**Annual Meeting (APCM) Sunday 12th May**  
This is an opportunity to hear about what has been happening over the past year and to elect churchwardens and Parochial Church Council (PCC) members. The PCC is the group who make decisions regarding various aspects of church life, in particular how we spend our money.

**Electoral Roll**  
To stand for election to the PCC, to nominate anyone or to vote in the elections you need to be on the church electoral roll. If you are not on the electoral roll and would like to be, please fill in a form available from next week on the notice board and put it in the "Electoral Roll" box at the back of church. To be on the electoral roll, you need to be baptised, over 16, and be a regular member of St Mark's or be resident in the parish. **Revisions to the roll need to be completed and to the office by Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April.** Contact Marcella King, Electoral roll officer, if you have any questions: [marcella@st-marks.net](mailto:marcella@st-marks.net)

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. Contact the office to receive this notice sheet by email (or to stop receiving it). Our privacy policy can be found on the website.



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## Eco Fair – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June

After the success of last year's Eco Fair we will be holding the event again this year. We are looking for some help in preparing for the various stalls and activities. The kinds of things we need help with are:

- growing or sourcing plants (indoor & outdoor) for the plant stall
- collecting second-hand books and soft toys
- collecting materials for making bug hotels
- preparing materials and instructions to make bird feeders
- preparing eco-friendly craft activities
- donations of bottles of wine for the "water to wine" stall

Or if you have any ideas of your own we would love to hear them!

There is a sign-up sheet for these tasks on the Eco-board at the back of church. Alternatively please email the office or speak to Lisa Fletcher or Sophie Harper.

**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](http://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.** 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. Nikki is starting a new group on Tuesday mornings, and Amanda a new Thursday evening group. 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](mailto:office@st-marks.net)

## Vacancies

Flourish have a vacancy for an admin and finance officer  
[Services 3 — Flourish \(youcanflourish.co.uk\)](http://youcanflourish.co.uk)

KICK are a Christian Charity looking to recruit sports mentors locally as part of a mission within schools  
[Careers | Kick](#)

## Annual Meeting (APCM) Sunday 12th May (continued)

**This year there are vacancies for:**

**2 Churchwardens (for 1 year: nominations by 11th May).**

**2 Deanery Synod members**

**3 PCC members**

Deanery Synod and PCC members usually serve for 3 years, but it is possible to resign early if necessary.

Note that as part of St Mark's commitment to Safeguarding and in line with national rules, PCC members and church wardens are required to undertake appropriate safeguarding training and DBS checks.

More details can be found on a board at the back of church. Please pray and consider whether God might be calling you to serve St Mark's in this way. Speak to Marcella or Charlie (wardens) if you have any questions. The forms are all available on the website <https://www.st-marks.net/about/community/parochial-church-council-and-annual-meeting>

## General Information

### Days off

**Tim's day off will usually be Tuesday.**

**Ros does not work Saturdays.**

**Fiona works Tuesday and Thursday. A**

**Amanda works Monday, Wednesday and Friday.**

### Contact information

Tim [vicar@st-marks.net](mailto:vicar@st-marks.net) phone 01926 421004 and follow the instructions.

### Office

The office is usually open Monday-Friday 9-1. Email [office@st-marks.net](mailto:office@st-marks.net) or phone as above. Please avoid office related questions on Sundays.

## Inclusive Church [www.inclusive-church.org](http://www.inclusive-church.org)

St Mark's is part of this network of churches, groups and individuals uniting together around a shared vision.

We believe in a Church which **welcomes and serves all people** in the name of Jesus Christ; which is scripturally faithful; which seeks to proclaim the Gospel afresh for each generation; and which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus Christ."

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 know how we can help.

