



# St Mark's Church

## LEAMINGTON SPA

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

### Sunday 4th January

#### 10.00am Holy Communion

Ephesians 1:3-14 and John 1:10-18

Leaders: Amanda di Giovanni &

Rev Tim Broadbent

Preacher: Revd Tim Broadbent

#### Order of Service:

Welcome, Song, Children leave,  
 Confession, Reading, Sermon,  
 Songs, Creed, Prayers, The  
 Peace, Holy Communion, Song,  
 Blessing

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

This service is livestreamed: [www.youtube.com/StMarksChurchLSpa](http://www.youtube.com/StMarksChurchLSpa)

Sermons are available as Podcasts on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, and many others; available by searching *St Mark's Church Leamington Spa*, or by visiting our website for links.

### 6.30pm Evening Worship

Luke 4:6-14

Leader: Amanda di Giovanni

*Refreshments served from 6pm*

#### Order of Service:

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

### Wednesday 7th January

9.15-10.45am Toddlers in the Hall

### Thursday 8th January

9.00-10.20am Church open for private prayer & café

10.30am Holy Communion

7.30pm Together in Meditation in the Upper Room

### Friday 9th January

2pm Funeral of Patrick Rylands

If you have items to be included in the weekly notice sheet please email [office@st-marks.net](mailto:office@st-marks.net) **by 10.00am 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.

## Events and activities coming up

**Together in Meditation.** 7.30pm 8th January in the Upper Room. 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.

**Eco-friendly washing up liquid and liquid hand soap.** On sale on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January after the morning service. With profit going to our Eco Fund.

Please pray for Sheila Searle and family after the death of David. His funeral will be at 2pm on Wednesday 14th January at St Mark's.

**Lost Property.** On the trolley at the back of church please take what is yours.

### January and February Events

#### 16 January 7pm

Book Launch - Peter Ormerod - David Bowie and the Search for Life, Death and God

#### 30 and 31 January

Candlemas Light Journey

#### 7 February

Chippy Quiz, ticket available next week.

#### 16 February to 13 April -

Words From The Cross Exhibition



## Candlemas Journey - Light for the World

Candlemas comes forty days after Christmas, when Mary and Joseph brought the newborn Jesus to the Temple and he was recognised as a light for all people.

It marks the moment when the brightness of Christmas meets the reality of life ahead — light shining in the midst of everyday things.

Step into a church transformed by light. Encounter immersive interactive spaces of colour and calm, created for peace, wonder and discovery.

Here we celebrate the light of Christ at the heart of the world — a light that reveals hope, restores meaning, and still shines in the darkness.

**Drop in between 6pm - 9pm**

**Friday 30 and Saturday 31 January.**

**Come as you are, stay as long as you wish.**



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## Prayer

### For your prayers...

- World leaders and the many areas of conflict in the world
- The church in Turkey. [www.givinghopetoturkey.org](http://www.givinghopetoturkey.org)



### Opportunities to ask for Prayer.

- After the morning service on Sundays (except all-age services) members of our trained prayer ministry team are available to pray with and for you.
- Put a note in the prayer box at the back of church. This can be anonymous. It will be passed to the prayer team.
- By emailing [prayer@st-marks.net](mailto:prayer@st-marks.net) or contacting us via the website at <https://www.st-marks.net/contact> Your message will be passed on to the team.

If you would like to be part of the prayer team please contact the office.

### Join us for prayer.

- Around 9.45am before the Sunday morning service.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:office@st-marks.net) or phone as above.

**Ros** [ros@st-marks.net](mailto:ros@st-marks.net) or phone as above.

**Safeguarding Officer** Sue Holden [safeguarding@st-marks.net](mailto:safeguarding@st-marks.net)

**Events Coordinator** Marcella King [events@st-marks.net](mailto:events@st-marks.net)

**Treasurer** Ian Holden [treasurer@st-marks.net](mailto:treasurer@st-marks.net)

**PCC Secretary** Sue Holden [sue@st-marks.net](mailto: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)

**1st Sunday 'Food & Faith'** For Yr 10 and up 4.30pm in the Upper Room.

**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](mailto: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.

**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](http://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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