



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

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

Sunday 4th October Black History Month

10.00am Holy Communion

Reading: Psalm 142:1-7 & Luke 10:25-37

Leader: Revd Tim Broadbent & Amanda di Giovanni

Preacher: Revd Tim Broadbent

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

This service is livestreamed: www.youtube.com/StMarksChurchLSpa.

Sermons are available on podcast apps by searching St Mark's Church Leamington Spa

6.30pm Evening Worship in the Church. Being With in the Upper Room

Reading: Luke 12:16-21 **Leader:** Amanda di Giovanni

Refreshments served from 6pm

Wednesday 7th October

9.15-10.45am Toddlers in the Hall

7-8.30pm Youth Group 'Uno' in the Upper Room

Thursday 8th October

9.00-10.20am Church open for private prayer & café

10.30am Holy Communion

Saturday 10th October

1-4pm Harvest Fair in the Church

If you have items to be included in the weekly notice sheet please email office@st-marks.net by 10.00am 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

Foodbank Donations. In light of the shortages experienced by Coventry Foodbank, it has been agreed that regular donations will go to Coventry and the schools and harvest donations will go to Warwick District Foodbank as previously. Our Harvest Services will be Thu 8th & Sun 11th Oct. A list of most needed items - and things they have plenty of can be found at <https://warwickdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/support-us/donate-food>

Harvest Fair. We are holding a Harvest Fair on Sat 10th Oct and it would be great to have lots of cakes, biscuits, jams, chutneys and other produce to sell, raising money for St Marks. Chat with Marcella King or email events@st-marks.net for more details.

SWIGS - Date for your diary. The next meet up of the women's inclusive social group is on Friday 16th October at 7.30pm in the Upper Room, with fun activities and a full meal. Please do let us know if you can come or if you would like more information if you haven't been before, contact Sophie Harper.

Gardening Morning. Sat 17th Oct, 9.30am-12noon. Pruning & weeding. Please bring tools & bags for cuttings if you have them. Contact the office for more information.

Church Cleaning afternoon. Sat 24th Oct 2-4pm. Materials supplied. Contact Nikki Hill for more information.

Nepal flood disaster fundraiser. A Curry Night with a difference! Friday November 6th, 7-9pm in the church hall. More details coming soon.

Volunteer needed for occasional brass cleaning. For the cross at the front of church. Contact Nikki Hill for more information.

We are planning to take a group of St Marks young people to Basecamp between Friday 5th to Sunday 7th February 2027. More info can be found here <https://www.thriveym.org.uk/our-work-with/young-people/weekend/> our young ppl enjoyed it last time. Basecamp is for those in school years 7-13. it takes place at the Pioneer Centre, Shropshire. Early Bird Ticket £145 (until 18th Oct) Standard Ticket £160 (19th Oct – 30th Nov) Ticket prices cover everything: transport, accommodation, meals, activities etc. Please speak to Tim if you are interested/need help with costs.

Church weekend away 2027 save the date. We have booked the Pioneer Centre again for Fri 17th – Sun 19th September. We are not asking for numbers yet, but if you would like to pay by instalments, please contact the office.

Prayer

For your prayers...

- Students starting or returning to University
- More justice in our town, nation and world



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 or contacting us via the website at 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 Friday or Saturday. 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 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 or phone as above.

Ros ros@st-marks.net or phone as above.

Safeguarding Officer Sue Holden safeguarding@st-marks.net

Events Coordinator Marcella King events@st-marks.net

Treasurer Ian Holden treasurer@st-marks.net

PCC Secretary Sue Holden sue@st-marks.net

Churchwardens Anna Stacey, Andrew Lee wardens@st-marks.net



Children & Young People

Sundays (except all age services and school summer holidays)

Early Years Church

Climbers (Year 1-3). Explorers (Year 4-6).

These meet together on the 1st Sunday of the month.

Pathfinders (Yr 7 and up)

Wednesdays (term time). 'Uno' Youth group (Yr 7 and up)



Giving financially to St Mark's. 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 at www.parishgiving.org.uk. 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.

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. If you are new we suggest you take a few months to settle in before getting involved - enjoy just worshipping with us.



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



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.



Social media. We have Facebook and Instagram pages. Search for St Mark's Leamington Spa.



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