



St Mark's Church

LEAMINGTON SPA

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

Sunday 6th July

10.00am Holy Communion: Giving

2 Corinthian 8:1-15

Leader: Revd Tim Broadbent

Preacher: Amanda di Giovanni

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

www.youtube.com/StMarksChurchLSpa

Order of Service:

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

6.30pm Evening Worship: Sabbath

Exodus 20:8-11

Leader: Amanda di Giovanni

Refreshments served from 6pm

Order of Service:

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

Tuesday 8th July

FIRS lunch 1pm in the Hall. All welcome, £5

Wednesday 9th July

9.15-10.45 Toddlers in the Hall

7.00-8.30pm Youth Group ('Uno') in the Upper Room

Thursday 10th July

9.00-10.20am Church open for private prayer & café

10.30am Holy Communion

Livestreaming Notice: Our 10am service on Sunday mornings is livestreamed on our YouTube channel www.youtube.com/c/StMarksChurchLSpa/videos

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

Alasdair Munday, one of our former young people, and his wife, Jess, are both being ordained this weekend in Sheffield Cathedral. Please pray and join with us in congratulating them as they begin their new ministries in Sheffield.



Gardening Morning. Saturday 12th July 9.30am till noon. Mostly weeding, with some light pruning this time. Please bring tools and bags for waste if you have them. Contact Amanda for more information.

Volunteers needed to cover the office when staff are on holiday. We have a few wonderful people who keep the office open when we are away, but more would help - especially on a Thursday morning. Speak to Amanda if you would be able to help. Thank you.

Weekend away talks. If you would like to hear these again, please email Marcella King via events@st-marks.net and you'll be provided with a link. Ruth Hassall has asked that we do not share the talks widely.

The Lament into Hope Project is a storytelling and advocacy platform that reveals the truth of the experiences faced today by UK-based LGBTQIA+ people and allies within the church. Please tell your story at www.lamentintofohope.org.

St Mark's Vision and Strategic Plan. This was launched at the APCM, you can find it here <https://www.st-marks.net/about/our-vision-and-strategic-plan/> and there are copies on the Information point at the back of church. This was formerly the bookstall and is now the place for all information (except weekly service and notice sheets).

Church Picnics. After the morning service on 27 July and 17 August. Bring a picnic and join us in the church garden.

Summer Fun. For families with pre-school children (older siblings also welcome). In the church and front garden Wednesdays in August from 9.30am - 12pm. Refreshments provided.

Helping Hands Community Project have a Volunteer Information Evening on 9th July if you would like to go please email ana@helpinghandscharity.org.uk If you would be interested in developing links between Helping Hands and St Mark's please contact the office. <https://www.helpinghandscharity.org.uk/> for more information.

Foodbank Summer of Love Campaign. Supplies diminish in the summer but demand does not. In particular they need tinned fruit, vegetables and potatoes, custard and rice pudding; ketchup, mayonnaise and washing up liquid. Donations can be left at the back of church in the box near the Information shelves.

Church Weekend at Home 2026. Save the date: 26-28 June.

Summer Holiday Sunday Morning Services

Explore Together

The school summer holidays always presents a challenge for our services as people are away and we want to give our children's and young people's groups leaders a well-earned break.

This year we are offering several options, some of which will be particularly suitable for children and young people (although they remain parents/carers responsibility).

Service format (adding Holy Communion on 3 August)

10.00	Welcome and opening liturgy
10.05	2 Songs
10.15	Bible reading
10.18	Explanation of the options
10.20	Options – see below
10.45	Gather back in main church space
10.50	2 Songs
11.00	Lords Prayer, Closing liturgy and blessing
11.05	Over tea and coffee: use the August Wall to write or draw what we enjoyed, learnt and will remember.

Options

A choice of four each week, all based on the theme:

Reflective - prayer stations (Upper Room)

Attentive - short talk and discussion (main church)

Active - an inter-generational game (outside or in the Hall)

Creative - inter-generational arts and crafts (Lounge)

Everyone will be thinking about the same questions.

Themes

27/7	John 6: 25-51	I am the bread of life
3/8	John 10: 10-16	I am the good shepherd
10/8	John 14: 5-14	I am the way
17/8	John 15 : 1-8	I am the vine
24/8	John 8:12-20	I am the light of the world
31/8	John 11: 17-27 & 38-44	I am the resurrection and the life

If you would be able to help with any of the options please contact Marcella marcella@st-marks.net

Prayer

For your prayers...

- World leaders and the many areas of conflict in the world
- Church of England General Synod meeting 11-15 July
- Children & Young people as the end of term approaches, especially those who will be starting a new school in September.



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 <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.

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.



Contact information

Tim vicar@st-marks.net phone 01926 421004 and follow the instructions.

Office The office is usually open Monday-Friday 9-1. Staff meeting 11.30-12.30 Monday. Email office@st-marks.net or phone as above.

Please avoid office related questions on Sundays.

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

Safeguarding Officer Sue Turner safeguarding@st-marks.net

Children & Young People

Sundays (except all age services and school summer holidays)

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 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.

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.



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