



# St Mark's Church

## LEAMINGTON SPA

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

### Saturday 7th February Chippy Quiz

Doors open 6pm. Do bring your own drinks. Tickets are sold out.

### Sunday 8th February

#### 10.00am Options & Donut Sunday

Luke 15:8-10

Leader: Ros Davies

Preacher: Revd Tim Broadbent

Welcome & opening prayers, 2 songs, reading, explanation of the options & options, return to church, song, prayers, song, blessing

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

This service is livestreamed: [www.youtube.com/StMarksChurchLSpa](https://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 23:39-43. Leader: Alex di Giovanni

*Refreshments served from 6pm*

#### Order of Service:

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

### Tuesday 10th February

1pm FIRs lunch in the Hall

### Wednesday 11th February

9.15-10.45am Toddlers in the Hall

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

### Thursday 12th February

9.00-10.20am Church open for private prayer & café

10.30am Morning Worship

7.30pm Together in Meditation in the Upper Room

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



**Lent groups.** Please return your form this week if possible, I am starting to sort groups. You can either drop it in to the office or leave it in the box at the back of church. Any questions, speak to Amanda di Giovanni.

**FIRs re-brand and price increase.** We are changing the name to "St Mark's Community Lunch" so that it is more obviously open to all, and the suggested donation will be £6 from March. Card payments will be accepted from 10th Feb. It is really helpful to know who is coming by the Friday beforehand.

**'David Bowie and the Search for Life, Death and God'. New Date - 27 February.** Book Launch. Refreshments from 7pm. Interview with the author Peter Ormerod starting 7.30pm.

**OMEGA course about Death and Dying.** Fri 6 Mar 1.30– 6.30pm and Sat 7 Mar 10am-4.30pm. This is now full - if you would like to go on a waiting list for this course in case anyone is unable to attend, or would like to attend a future course please contact Marie Calvert.

**Next Welcome Brunch** Sun 8th March after the morning service. For anyone new or new-ish. Please let the office know if you would like to come and if you have any dietary requirements.

**Unconscious Bias Training.** Wed 25th March 7-9.30pm. This free course is run by Coventry Diocese and is open to all. You can book or find out more either via Equip Hub <https://www.equiphub.org.uk/courses-events-and-resources/unconscious-bias-awareness-evening-march-2026/> or the church office. Sign up sheet at the back of church.

**Recycling in Church.** Toothpaste tubes can now go in kerb side recycling! So, we are collecting all other dental products only. Also, Biro's, cosmetic containers, old spectacles/glasses, and now Marigold gloves. There are two small boxes on the right of the right hand sofa at the back of church for these. Many thanks, the Eco Team.

**Food bank. Latest needs:** squash (small), tinned meat, vegetarian meals, cooking oil, tinned potatoes, deodorants (m & f), shave gel/razors, nappies sizes 6, 7 & 8. They have ample supplies of soup, baked beans, rice, cereal, pasta, tea, tampons.

**Skydive for Myton Hospice.** Rani Clare and her daughter Leila are raising money for Myton on Saturday 14th March. If people would like to both support and pray for them, that would be awesome. [justgiving.com/page/leila1](https://justgiving.com/page/leila1)



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

**Volunteers wanted for fundraising Skydive for Ventures holidays.** Our proposed date will be 8.30am on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at Hinton's Skydive Centre in Banbury. If anyone 16+ within the church congregation would like to take part, please can they contact Fiona on [fhenshaw@cpas.org.uk](mailto:fhenshaw@cpas.org.uk). See [www.cpas.org.uk/skydive2026](http://www.cpas.org.uk/skydive2026)

## 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)

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**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. (currently taking a break)

**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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