



St Mark's Church

LEAMINGTON SPA

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

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

Sunday 8th March

10.00am All Age Parade Service

John 4:5-26 & 39-42

Leader: Ros Davies Preacher: Revd Tim Broadbent

Order of Service:

Welcome, Songs, Confession,
Song, Reading, Sermon, 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

Sermons are available as Podcasts on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, and others; available by searching *St Mark's Church Leamington Spa*

Welcome Brunch in the Lounge after the service

6.30pm Evening Worship

John 9:1-41. Leader: Amanda di Giovanni

Refreshments served from 6pm

Order of Service:

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

Tuesday 10th March

1pm Community Lunch in the Hall

May be cancelled, if you usually come we will let you know if it is.

Wednesday 11th March

9.15-10.45am Toddlers in the Hall

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

Thursday 12th March

9.00-10.20am Church open for private prayer & café

10.30am Holy Communion

Friday 13th March

7.30pm Make in the hall. Spring flower-themed crafts.

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

Thank you to all who helped spruce up the pews, brasses & Kitchen. Still the odd job to do if you'd like to offer before Easter. nikkihill14@hotmail.com



Help Needed to arrange daffodil bunches for Mothering Sunday. Friday 13th March 9.30am in the Committee Room. Thank you.

Eco Washing Up Liquid and Hand Wash: If you have empty washing up bottles or hand wash bottles then leave them in the recycling boxes in Church on a Sunday morning. We will be selling filled ones on Sunday 8th March after the morning service.

Skydive for Myton Hospice. Rani Clare and her daughter Leila are raising money for Myton on Sat 14th Mar. If people would like to both support and pray for them, that would be awesome. justgiving.com/page/leila1



Words from The Cross. 16 February to 13 April. A reflective exhibition of contemporary paintings and poetry inspired by the final words spoken by Jesus on the cross. Created by Adrian Plass and Ben Ecclestone, the works invite stillness, attention, and honest reflection. Exploring themes of love, suffering, forgiveness, and hope, the works offer space to pause and encounter the Passion story in fresh and unexpected ways. All are warmly welcome. The church is open during our office hours.

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 now accepted. It is really helpful to know who is coming by the Friday beforehand.

Next Gathered Grace now 22nd March. 6.30pm Charismatic-style worship in an inclusive space. All welcome.

Unconscious Bias Training. Wed 25th Mar 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.

Eco Fair Saturday 6th June 2026. If you are planting any seeds for your allotment/garden and can do a few extra, we are planning to have a 'grow your own' stall at the Eco Fair in June and would love as many varieties of vegetables, tomatoes, melons etc as possible! Any questions please ask Sophie Harper.

Advance Notice - For those that remember **Mark Vermes** he's stopping off in Leamington in June & has asked me to arrange an 'old small group' evening get-together on the 23rd - I'm extending it to all who knew Mark. Will arrange venue when I've got numbers. Let me know if you're around. nikkihill14@hotmail.com

Church Weekend at Home 2026. Save the date: 26-28th June. Details coming soon.

Annual Meeting, Electoral Roll and opportunities to serve

Annual Parochial Church Meeting. This will be on Sunday 10th May after the morning service. Followed by lunch.

Revision of Electoral Roll. If you have joined St Mark's recently, or missed the deadline last year, you are invited to sign up to this. Forms with instructions about eligibility are available in church. You need to be on the electoral roll to stand for the PCC or to vote for PCC members at the annual meeting. It also shows us that you consider St Mark's 'your church'. The closing date for joining the electoral roll prior to the annual meeting is **Sunday 12 April**.

Online congregation members can be on the roll; choose the second set of words in square brackets for 2B (or, less commonly 2C) and note the reason for watching online. Fill in the electronic form, type your name on the signature line and email it to marcella@st-marks.net If you have any questions please speak to Marcella.

Opportunities to Serve

This year there are 3 vacancies for PCC members, 4 for Deanery Synod and 2 for Churchwardens. Nomination forms are available in church.

PCC and Deanery Synod members serve for 3 years, Wardens for 1.

As part of St Mark's commitment to Safeguarding and in line with national rules, safeguarding training will be required for all of these posts.

The key purpose of a PCC is defined as to "co-operate with the minister in promoting the whole mission of the church in the parish (Pastoral, Evangelistic, Social and Ecumenical)". It involves making decisions about many aspects of church life, including how we spend our money. All PCC members are charity trustees. St Mark's PCC meets 8 times a year, on Monday evenings.

Deanery Synod meets about 3 times a year, representatives come from churches in Leamington and Warwick. Key functions are discussing Parish Share allocation and electing members of Diocesan and General Synods.

A role description for Churchwarden is available - it may be less time consuming than you think, so please consider it and if you have any questions speak to Tim or Marcella.

Please take time to prayerfully consider whether God may be calling you to serve in any of these roles.

Prayer

For your prayers...

- World leaders and the many areas of conflict in the world
- The church in Turkey. 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 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 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

Children & Young People

Sundays (except all age services and school summer holidays)

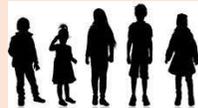
Under 4's Kids Church

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

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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