



# St Mark's Church

## LEAMINGTON SPA

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

### Sunday 9th March

#### 10.00am All Age Worship and Baptism

Micah 6:6-8

Leader: Ros Davies

Preacher: Revd Tim Broadbent

#### Order of Service:

Welcome, Song, Baptism,  
 Song, Reading, Talk, Song,  
 Prayers, Song, Blessing

*After the service, please join us for refreshments*

*at the back of church. [www.youtube.com/StMarksChurchLSpa](http://www.youtube.com/StMarksChurchLSpa)*

### 6.30pm Evening Worship in the Lounge

Micah 6:6-8. Leader: Amanda di Giovanni

*Refreshments served from 6pm*

#### Order of Service:

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

### Tuesday 11th March

1.00pm FIRS lunch in the Hall

### Wednesday 12th March

9.15-10.45am Toddlers in the Hall

7.00-8.30pm Youth Group in the Upper Room

### Thursday 13th March

9.15-10.45am Toddlers in the Hall

9.00-10.20am Church open for private prayer & café

10.30am Morning Worship

**Livestreaming Notice:** Our 10am service on Sunday mornings is livestreamed on our YouTube channel [www.youtube.com/c/StMarksChurchLSpa/videos](http://www.youtube.com/c/StMarksChurchLSpa/videos)

If you have items to be included in the weekly notice sheet please email [office@st-marks.net](mailto:office@st-marks.net) **by 10am 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



**New Electoral Roll.** This year everyone is invited to complete a new electoral form. Forms with instructions about eligibility are available in church. Signing a form indicates you consider that St Mark's is 'your' church, *it does not commit you to doing anything*. However, as part of your involvement at St Mark's we would like to invite you to prayerfully consider some aspects of being part of the church. These are detailed on the other page of the form. Please keep this part and just return the form itself. You need to be on the electoral roll to stand for the PCC or to vote for PCC members at the annual meeting (which will take place on Sunday 11 May after the morning service). The closing date for joining the electoral roll prior to the annual meeting is **Sunday 13 April**.

**Carbon Fast for Lent.** Climate Stewards are suggesting ideas each week of things to focus on. If you would like more information please use this link: [www.climatestewards.org/resources/carbon-fast/](http://www.climatestewards.org/resources/carbon-fast/)

**Foodbank Lent and Easter appeal.** Pick up a flier in church, see [warwickdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/](http://warwickdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/) for most wanted items. Donations of Easter Eggs can be left in church 31/3-13/4.

**Church Spring Clean Saturday 22nd March.** 9.30am - 12.30pm. Bring a vacuum cleaner & extension if you can. Cloths & polish provided along with coffee & biscuits.

**Sunday 23rd March 6.30pm Reflective Service for Lent.** A quiet service to reflect on what Lent means for us. Step aside from the busyness of life into this quiet service of poetry, music, imagery and silence, as we seek afresh God's love during this season of Lent. Any queries: contact Marie Calvert

**Deanery prayer evening** (in place of the usual Deanery Synod business meeting) on **Monday 24th March** at St Paul's Church, Leamington. 7:30pm (tea/coffee will be available from 7:15pm) and finish by 9pm. All welcome.

**'Not the men's curry night'.** Join us for a relaxed evening with a takeaway, a chance to get to know each other better, and to discuss the possibility of regular meet ups. This is as an alternative to the men's curry night and is for anyone else wanting to connect in a laid-back, welcoming space. We'll be gathering in the Church Upper Room at 7:30pm on **Friday 28th March**, and we'd love to see you there! If you can let us know you will be coming by Friday 21st March by either chatting in person or emailing the office, that would be great. There will probably be a cost of around £10 per person; please let us know if you would like to discuss this. Many thanks Hannah Broadbent and Sophie Harper.

**Saturday 29th March Gardening Morning.** 9.30am til noon. Pruning, weeding, some outdoor DIY. Contact Amanda di Giovanni for more information

**Sunday 30th March 6.30pm Gathered Grace.**

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### Days off

Tim does not usually work Tuesdays. Ros does not work Saturdays. Amanda works Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Karen works Tuesday and Thursday.

**Note: Amanda is on retreat 10-14 March, Ruth and Sarah have kindly offered to cover the office.**

### 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 9-1. Staff meeting 11.30-12.30 Monday. Email [office@st-marks.net](mailto:office@st-marks.net) or phone as above.

**Please avoid office related questions on Sundays.**

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

Churchwardens [wardens@st-marks.net](mailto:wardens@st-marks.net)

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

### Children & young people's groups.

**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)

Parents and carers are welcome to take children under 4 into the Committee Room at the front left of church, where there are toys and a screen to watch the service.

**Wednesdays** (term time). 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).

Gift Aid is a vital source of income, and if you give through the Parish Giving Scheme rather than directly to St Mark's then they do the work of claiming this money back. We would like to encourage all those who give regularly and pay tax to switch to the Parish Giving Scheme and for those who are new to St Mark's to prayerfully consider supporting us financially. More information about the scheme can be found here <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/home/> or this link takes you directly to our giving page <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/new-milverton-st-mark-rugby-road-new-milverton-leamington-spa/> Thank you.

If you are writing or updating your will, please consider leaving us a legacy.

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**Brookhurst Primary School** is looking for new co-opted governors to join its active and friendly Governing Board. The role involves a few hours a month mainly centred around four annual Governor's meetings held on weekday evenings, usually 6-8pm. There is free training available, either in-person or online. If you would like to find out more, please speak to Andrew Cooper. [aandhcooper@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:aandhcooper@tiscali.co.uk) 07443 221154 or contact Brookhurst Primary School. 01926 420051

**Church Weekend Away.** 20-22 June. **All the rooms are now booked.** Attending as a day visitor on the Saturday can be booked up to 13 April, the suggested cost is £21 to include lunch and dinner.

**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 and that you think of us, but please ask first as we have limited storage - and more toys, books and most stationery items than we really need. **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 the 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 have achieved our Silver award.



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