St Mark Bilton

Worshipping God
Sharing his love
Making him known

Sunday 29th November 2026

1st Sunday of Advent



Welcome to St Mark's

This week's services

Sunday:

8am BCP Communion
10.00am Holy Communion
6.00pm Advent Service

Readings Isaiah 64: 1-9
1 Corinthians 1: 3-9
Mark 13: 24-end

Weekdays:

9am Mon & Tues - Morning Prayer via **Facebook**

10am Wed - BCP Communion Service

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The Prayer for the week:

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, Amen.

Please remember in your prayers:

The Sick: We pray for those in our Parish who are particularly ill at this time.

Deaths this month: Roy & Josie Barnes, John Plowman, Joan Waite & Lilian Enticott.

Church and Linked Groups: St Mark's Rocks and it's leaders, Deanery Synod Representatives and Schools Team.

Mission Link: Hope 4, Deepmore Road Hostel, Christians Against Poverty and Rugby Foodbank.

Church Events and Issues: As we begin this season of Advent, fill our hearts with hope and expectation at the arrival of Christ.



The World Around Us: We remember those struggling with illness and pray for rest, healing and recovery.

Advanced Diary Dates:

- **29th Nov -** Advent Sunday
- **6th Dec -** Christingle Service
- **11th Dec-** Bolder! Youth Club
- **13th Dec -** Nativity Service
- **20th Dec -** Nine Lessons & Carols

General Notices:

A Warm Welcome - If you are visiting us today, please say hello to one of the Clergy or a member of the '*Welcome Team*'. Toilets & disabled facilities are at the back of church. Tea & Coffee is served after the service which we hope you can stay for.

Winter Clean - please come and help clean the church (especially the silver & brass) on **22nd Dec** at 2pm. There is a sign up sheet at the back of church.

Christmas Angels - please could you bring your knitted angels to church by **Sun 6th Dec** or phone Alison Price (07980 500783) to arrange collection from you. If you can deliver to Alison please phone for her address.

Rugby Christmas Cracker - will be opening a café and evening restaurant in the former Boots shop in Rugby Central from **Fri 27th Nov.** Open Mon-Fri 10-2 and Sat 10-5. Bookings for evening meals are now being taken. TWAM will be selling second hand tools. We would love some volunteers to help, young people of any age are welcome to come and help. Please contact Katie Thomas 07757562504 katiethomas@ntlworld.com

Christingle Volunteers

are needed to help make the Christingles for this years service. If you can help, please come to the church centre at **1pm** on **Saturday 5th December** so they can be ready for the Sunday afternoon service. Any questions please contact Elisabeth stmarks-children@outlook.com

Puddings & Party Pieces - a memorable evening raised £469.50. Many thanks to all involved.

Rugby Foodbank - please take part in their Giving Calendar throughout November where a suggestion for a donation per day is on the poster in church. Please make sure all donations reach the foodbank by **4th December.**

Wedding Event - we are planning on holding a wedding fayre on **15th May 2027**. If you would like to volunteer to help organise or help on the day, please contact the office.

CAP Christmas Hamper - the list of preferred treats is now at the back of church. This year it has been tailored to a single adult and providing a few luxuries reinforces the message that they are cared about. The final date for donations is **Wednesday 9th December**.

Chalice Assistants - if you think you could help out with communion as a chalice assistant please could you let the Churchwarden or Naomi in the office know.

Bolder! Youth Club - are going bowling on **11th December** from 6pm in Rugby. To book a place contact Elisabeth stmarks-children@outlook.com

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