

WEEKLY SERVICES

On Sundays:

8 am Holy Communion (*according to the Book of Common Prayer, 1662*)

10 am Parish Communion (*according to the Common Worship service book*)

(There is a special Family Service, without Holy Communion at this time on the first Sunday of each month.)

6.30 pm Evensong (*1662*) **except for the first Sunday when it is Holy Communion (CW)**
Healing, Taizé and 'Songs of Praise', services are held occasionally.

On Tuesdays:

11 am Holy Communion (*according to the Book of Common Prayer, 1662*)

7 pm A meeting for prayer.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Weekly

There are also a variety of house groups for Bible study, for prayer and for discussion of current topics.

Bible Study Groups:

Joyce Sale 351054

Andrew Watts 353488

Prayer Group: Jenny McLachlan 361318

Throughout the year

There are also many social events of all kinds.

THE TEAM

Vicar:

Assistant Priest

Revd Marguerite Roberts 359167

Lay Reader

Dennis Howie 356140

Churchwardens:

Rachel Begbie 360995

Alan Jones 354893

Choir Director: James Lark 07736129521

Organist: Jonathan Hellyer Jones

Parish Administrator: Deryn Coe 312863

Churchadministrator@stmarksnewnham.org

Hall Manager: Sally Clarke 410969

There is a Parochial Church Council of 20 members. Every member contributes to one of the sub-committees for: Common Life, Mission, Housekeeping & Partnership.

Over a hundred members of St Mark's contribute to the life of the church beyond their Sunday attendance. These ministries are a vital extension of the worshipping life of the church, and range from activities requiring experience and expertise to others requiring patience and humble service. If you would like to offer your time or talents, please speak to one of the churchwardens.

St Mark's Mission Statement: "*To be the people of God in this place and to work to make God more real for our community*"

Welcome to
St Mark's Church
Newnham
Cambridge
www.stmarksnewnham.org



If you are a visitor to the church, or a newcomer, please take this leaflet away with you. It tells you more about our church and how you can be involved with it.

OUR CHURCH .. and it could be yours...

St Mark's is a parish and congregation of the Church of England, and is, by tradition, middle-of-the-road in its style of worship, open in its outlook, and encompasses 'seekers' as well as 'believers'.

There are a variety of services each Sunday (see 'WEEKLY SERVICES') and a number of mid-week services and study groups. As well as many education classes and social activities in the nearby St Mark's Community Centre.

The main Sunday service is the well attended Parish Communion service at 10 am. If you are new to the parish or a visitor, this would be a good occasion to come to for the first time; coffee is served in the Community Centre afterwards. You are assured of a warm (but not stifling or overwhelming!) welcome!

IF YOU WANT TO FIND OUT MORE.....

Take a copy of the parish magazine, *SEEK*, from the display stand in the Narthex.

Contact any of the people listed in the 'The Team' section on the reverse of this leaflet or write to us at:

**St Mark's Church,
Barton Road, Newnham
Cambridge, CB3 9JZ
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THE PARISH

St Mark's Church was built in 1901, to replace an earlier wooden church which had served the growing village of Newnham since 1870. In those days, Newnham was quite isolated from the town of Cambridge, but the building of the Fen Causeway road encouraged more houses to be built in the area around the old village in the 20c. Since then, within the boundaries of the parish of Newnham (including the old village and newer houses built in streets off the Barton Road) the population has expanded to a total of about 3000.

St Mark's is the only Christian place of worship in Newnham and welcomes all those who live in the parish to all its services and other activities.

THE CHURCH BUILDING

The 1901 church was designed by Philip R Day. The unusual marble reredos behind the altar, a gift from Queen's College, Cambridge, is by G F Bodley, doyen of Victorian church architects.

In 2002, to complete the church, a porch, narthex and gallery was built. It was designed by Jeremy Lander and funded by the gifts of parishioners and friends.

A church hall (now called the community centre) and vicarage was built in 1895, and they stand behind the present church. A second smaller hall was added in the 1970s.

TO ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS.....

Do you welcome parents with children?

Yes. There is a Family Service on the first Sunday of every month at 10am. On other Sundays, there is both a Sunday School and a Crèche (for very young children) in the Community Centre. There is also a parish youth group (known as 'SMYG').

What if my toddler cries or is noisy?

Don't worry! There are books and toys available, or you can go out through the glass doors into the narthex and still see and hear what is going on.

What kind of music do you have in the services?

A mix of traditional and modern hymns, accompanied by the organ and there is a robed choir of both adults and children - who also sing anthems in the services. If you would like to join the choir, you would be welcome - they rehearse once a week.

May anyone receive the bread and wine at the altar?

Reception of the bread and wine has traditionally been reserved for confirmed members of the Church of England, and in recent years full members of other Christian denominations also. However since Autumn 2003 St Mark's now prepares children who have not been confirmed to receive communion, and the intention is to offer such a course each autumn. If you are under 11 and would like to receive communion, ask your parent to speak to one of the clergy. If you are over 11 and have not been confirmed, you are still welcome to kneel at the altar rail and receive a blessing. Confirmation classes are held regularly, and if you would like to join a group exploring the Christian faith, the clergy will be pleased to speak with you.