



News for you from  
HTC!

Friday 12<sup>th</sup>  
September, 2025

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HOLY TRINITY COVENTRY

Dear friends,



<b>12 September 2025</b>	7.30pm	Aural Histories Concert	Hosts: Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, Choir of Holy Trinity Church, His Majesty's Sagbutts and Cornetts and the Binchois Consort
<b>14 September 2025  13th Sunday after Trinity</b>	9.30am	Morning Worship	Preacher: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert Theme: Holy Cross Readings: Numbers 21:4-9
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Preacher: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert Theme: Holy Cross Readings: Numbers 21:4-9 / John 3:13-17
	5.00pm	Choral Evensong	Leader: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert
<b>17 September 2025</b>	12.00pm	Holy Communion	Leader: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert Theme: Hildegard, Abbess 1179
<b>21 September 2025  14th Sunday after Trinity</b>	9.30am	Morning Worship	Preacher: Simon Brake Theme: Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist Readings: Matthew 9:9-13
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Preacher: Simon Brake Theme: Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist Readings: Proverbs 3:13-18 / Matthew 9:9-13
	5.00pm	Choral Evensong	Leader: Pete Griffiths Readings: Psalm 119:33-40, 89-96 / Ecclesiastes 5:4-12 / Matthew 19:16-end

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*To watch our live /recorded services, please subscribe to our YouTube channel: Holy Trinity  
Coventry. The inserts for this Sunday's [11.15am](#) and [5.00pm](#) services can be found here.*



## For your prayers this week:

Give thanks for:

- Those MA students returning home, who have contributed to our life and mission.
- Flower Team and helpers, as they prepare for Harvest Sunday decoration

Pray for:

- Heritage Week (this week) visitors coming to HTC: opportunities to show God's love and welcome and to share the Hope of Christ
- Preparation and plans to welcome new students and young adults as they come to study and work in Coventry.
- Wisdom and discernment as preparation and plans are made to offer a disciple-making approach to discipleship to all students and young adults.
- Buildings & Fabric ctte, Finance Team, and Mission & Donations group, as they serve HTC.
- HOPE Coventry – City centre churches' leaders gather to pray on Wednesday
- Confirmation candidates to grow in faith, love and knowledge of Jesus.
- Plans for our Harvest Sunday service (28 September @ 10.30am) and Bring & Share lunch afterwards, whilst supporting the work of Christian relief charity, TearFund.
- Plans to offer prayer ministry on Sundays
- The appointment of the next Area Dean for Coventry North (our deanery).
- The next Archbishop of Canterbury to be unifying for the Church of England.
- Just and fair peace across our world, especially Ukraine, Iran, Gaza, Israel, Sudan, and the staying of the hands of the men and women of violence.
- Swift and full healing to Christine B, Chris H, Julie R, Bob W, and others known to you.

Please pray for this month's Mission Partner: *Coffee Tots: Pray for their mission and ministry towards single parents and children, offering a safe space of belonging education and faith. Pray for their witness and further fundings.*

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A word from Richard: [Drawn to Spiritual places](#)

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## **Aural Histories Concert - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025, 7.30pm - c.8.30pm at Holy Trinity Church (Free admission with refreshments provided after the concert)**

Holy Trinity Church, Coventry and the Aural Histories: Coventry 1451-1642 project, based at Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, warmly invite you to attend the closing concert of this three-year research project, which has been investigating the experience of music in the Coventry's lost performance spaces.

The concert will take place in Holy Trinity Church on Friday 12th September 2025 at 7.30pm and will last approximately one hour. The concert is free for all. Refreshments will be provided after. The Choir of Holy Trinity Church, directed by Alexander Norman, will be joined by members of His Majesty's Sagbutts and Cornetts and the Binchois Consort to present a programme of music from two turbulent centuries of English history. The performance will be accompanied by visual imagery depicting Holy Trinity Church, St Michael's Parish Church (the old cathedral), and St Mary's Guildhall as they may have appeared at key points in time between 1451 and 1642.

This event gives us the opportunity to celebrate a wonderfully fruitful collaboration between Holy Trinity Church and Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, and we would be delighted to see you there.

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### Harvest Festival at Holy Trinity Coventry! – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30am

We will be bringing together the usual instrumental ensemble or 'Scratch Orchestra' for this service. Beginner to advanced players on any instrument are welcome. Please speak to Alex for further details.



You are warmly invited to join us for our Harvest Festival celebration on Sunday, 28th September 2025! Come and give thanks for the blessings of the harvest season with us, as we support the wonderful work of **Tearfund**.

Our special Harvest Festival service, led by the children, youth, and young adults of our congregation, will take place at 10:30am. We will come together in worship, prayer, and celebration, and will be followed by a bring-and-share lunch.

All are welcome to attend and share in the joy of the harvest season. We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating this special occasion together, as we learn more about Tearfund's mission and work.

Come to worship, come to give, come with a friend!

## **Gardening and Maintenance**

A gardening and maintenance group will meet on the third Saturday of the month. All welcome. Start 9.30, coffee at 11.00, formal end at 11.30.

On Saturday 20th September the plan is to tidy the grounds: pruning and weeding. I also wish to put up protection for the young shrubs and climbing plants.

If the weather is bad, we will clean or tidy in the church or Trinity House.

Thank you.

Jane Hutton

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## **Casual Vacancy for a Warden**

We have one casual vacancy for a Warden to fill. If you are interested in being nominated to serve in this way, please could you speak to Revd Canon Richard or a Warden and fill in the attached [nomination form](#) and return to: PCC Secretary, Keri Husband [kerihusband@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk](mailto:kerihusband@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk) or the Office [htoffice@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk](mailto:htoffice@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk).

If you would like to find out more about what the role involves, please find a [role and responsibilities sheet](#) attached/here. The forms are also available in hard copy at the back of Church by the PCC noticeboard from Sunday.

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## **Vacancy (volunteer) – Evensong Overseers**

Working with Vico (verger) and service leader, be part of a team that welcomes and oversees this growing service.

Key duties

- Welcome attendees
- Hand out and collect back hymn books/inserts
- Count the congregation numbers and record in Service Register
- Manage Offertory basket collection and safe delivery to church office

Evensong or Evening Prayer occur every Sunday at 5pm (except Advent Sunday, Sunday before Christmas and Candlemas when service is 6pm).

For more information or register interest, please contact a churchwarden (Nehemiah, Andrew, Jenny) or the church office [htoffice@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk](mailto:htoffice@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk)

## **Vacancy (volunteer) – Member of the Finance Team**

The Finance Team meets 4-5 times a year to review our church income and expenditure, and to seek to resource the overall ministry of Holy Trinity. The Team seeks additional wisdom from those with some financial or accountancy background. Please ask Kathryn Hunter (Church Treasurer), or Richard Hibbert (Vicar) for more information.

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### **Baptism and/or Confirmation – this autumn (12 November)**

If you are thinking about baptism and/or confirmation, Richard Hibbert will be leading Bible studies, reflections and discussions in preparation on

**Wednesdays – 4.30pm to 6pm, starting 1<sup>st</sup> October through to 19<sup>th</sup> November** in Trinity House. Please let him know of your interest to explore.

For young people, we are excited to announce that our Confirmation Preparatory Class will commence on **Friday, 19th September 2025, from 6pm to 7:30pm** at Trinity House. This class is open to young people aged 12 and above who are interested in learning more about the significance of Confirmation and preparing for this special sacrament.

We encourage families to support their children in this journey of faith and spiritual growth. If your child is interested in being confirmed, we invite you to join us for this preparatory class.

For more information, please contact Thomas, the Youth and Families Minister.

### **Confirmation Service**

Wednesday 12 November  
at 7.30pm at Holy Trinity  
with Bishop Sophie.

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## **Children's Ministry – Sunday services (except 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month)**

**Creche** - For both the 9.30am and 11.15am services, children below the age of 4 can stay to play at the Peace Chapel throughout the services. Parents are advised to be with their children at all times and are free to use the North Porch to attend to their needs.

**9.30am** – children are invited to attend their own learning in Trinity House (Church Centre). They leave shortly after the start of the service, and are seen again at refreshments, held in Trinity House.



**11.15am** – children are invited to attend their own learning in the choir vestries. They leave shortly after the start of the service and are seen again during The Peace.

Families are encouraged to come early to church.

**Youth ministry** – Young people meet at Trinity House with their team of leaders by 6pm for a light meal, games, bible study, and prayers, finishing at 7.30pm every Friday of the month.

For further details, please contact: [youthandfamilies@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk](mailto:youthandfamilies@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk)

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**Experience the Picture of God's Heavenly Banquet and Grow as a Disciple of Christ**  
**The Table - Sundays 1pm – 3pm. For Young Adults and Students**  
We resume on **21 September 2025**

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### Office Space for Rent at Trinity House



TRINITY HOUSE  
OLD BLUE COAT SCHOOL

## OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT

- 260 square feet
- Accessible toilet
- Kitchen facilities
- Walking distance to historic city centre
- Unfurnished





Need a quiet office space at a prime location in the heart of Coventry city?  
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T: 0247 622 0418 or visit our website: [www.holytrinitycoventry.org.uk](http://www.holytrinitycoventry.org.uk)

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## Other News:

### Mission Focus, September 2025: Coffee Tots

#### COFFEE TOTS 2025



Coffee Tots is a Christian organisation which helps parents to be more joyful and confident in raising their children, especially when they are finding the task lonely or challenging. It is based within the Wave Waterpark café, and many people from Holy Trinity have worked or volunteered with them. Staff and volunteers offer love, support and friendship while encouraging the parents to play, read and engage with their children, to improve the parent/child relationship as well as the child's development. Sessions are also held to help parents with issues such as relationship breakdown, poor mental or physical health, financial struggles or domestic violence. Coffee Tots received the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in 2016. We will have an update at the morning services on September 14th.

For further information, visit: <https://www.coffeetots.co.uk>

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### The Light House needs you ✨ - Emergency Appeal

The Light House, one of HTC's mission partners, has to report that after almost 40 years of serving the community, they may be forced to close their doors by the end of 2025.

Since 1986, The Light House has stood upon the promise of Isaiah 61:1, providing affordable, accessible, and high-quality counselling to those who need it, believing that healing and restoration are part of God's redemptive plan for every life. They hold fast to the conviction that mental health care should never be a privilege reserved for the few, but a lifeline extended to all, especially the vulnerable and the weary especially with NHS services under immense pressure and demand far outstripping supply, their role has become more vital than ever. Your support, whether financial or prayerful, and your contribution, no matter the size, will help ensure that the most vulnerable continue to receive care marked by dignity, compassion, and faith.



For more information: [The Light house Emergency Appeal](#)

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## Celebration of Lay Ministry 2025 - Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September, 5pm at Coventry Cathedral – You are invited



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## Churches invited to pray together for peace in the Middle East

Church of England congregations are being invited to join together with other churches to pray for the people of Gaza, Israel and the wider Middle East next month.

A group of Christian charities and aid agencies, working with church leaders, is organising a day of prayer for peace in the Middle East on Sunday, September 21. It is timed to coincide with the UN's International Day of Peace.

The Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem, Dr Hosam Naoum, has written a prayer, available for use in churches. It prays for an immediate end to the war, the release

of all captives, help for those suffering hunger and starvation in Gaza and beyond, and the resumption of negotiations for a just and lasting peace.

### **A prayer for the Holy Land**

*Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: In your mercy, provide for all those in Gaza and beyond who suffer from hunger and starvation, that they may be given both physical bread to nourish their bodies and heavenly bread to sustain their souls. By the power of your Spirit, bring a speedy end to this cruel war, the release of all captives, care for the sick and wounded, comfort for those who have lost loved-ones, and the opening of a pathway for a just and lasting peace here in the very homeland where your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ministered during his earthly life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

The Most Reverend Dr Hosam E. Naoum Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem

August, 2025

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### **City Praise & Prayer Regionals - Sunday 21 September at 6:30pm, around the city.**

These gatherings form part of a strategic move to cover the city of Coventry in prayer, bringing believers together from different churches, in the places where they live, work or have particular connections.

Each gathering will be steered by the Regional leaders, with band-led worship and prayer facilitated by different leaders from that region.

<p><b>City Praise &amp; Prayer</b> gathers Christians from across all denominations, networks and streams to lift up Jesus together in worship and to pray with one voice for the Kingdom of God to come in the city of Coventry and beyond.</p> <p>'Regionals' are a special opportunity to gather for prayer and worship in the part of the city where you live, work, study or connect.</p> <p>All four regional gatherings will take place on <b>Sunday 21 September</b>, beginning at <b>6.30pm</b>.</p> <p>For further information, please visit: <a href="http://www.citypraise.org">www.citypraise.org</a></p>	<p><b>North</b> North Point Church CV2 1UT</p>	<p><b>East</b> St. Marks CV1 5FX</p>
	<p><b>South</b> St James Styvechale CV3 6GT</p>	<p><b>West</b> St James Fletchamstead CV4 9DP</p>

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## Rend Collective – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September in Birmingham



The Irish worship band Rend Collective (My Lighthouse, Build Your kingdom here, the Joy of the Lord) is coming to Birmingham. Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm. Tickets are £39/person.

Contact Carlyne if you're interested in going together.

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## Arts in Ministry Hub

A poster for the Arts in Ministry Hub. The background is a colorful mosaic of small, irregular tiles in shades of blue, green, and yellow. The title 'Arts in Ministry Hub' is written in a large, blue, serif font. Below it, the tagline 'Meet, share, pray, be inspired!' is written in a smaller, green, serif font. At the bottom, there is a white rectangular box containing text about the event dates, times, and location, along with contact information for the Phoenix Performing Arts Trust.

**Arts in Ministry Hub**

*Meet, share, pray, be inspired!*

*Whether you're a professional performer, an 'am-dram' enthusiast, a student or simply a lover of the arts, you are most welcome!*

**Saturdays 11<sup>th</sup> October and 13<sup>th</sup> December 2025,  
10.00 – 11.00 am**

**Drop in to the "Bean and Leaf Café" (downstairs),  
Coventry**

**Phoenix Performing Arts Trust** (reg. charity 803728)  
**[www.ppat.uk](http://www.ppat.uk) contact: [arts@ppat.uk](mailto:arts@ppat.uk)**



**Monday 13 October - 7.30pm**

**Jubilate Deo: Sacred music from Seventeenth-Century France**

Charpentier Ensemble, dir. Alexander Norman

A programme of beautiful vocal music from the French Baroque era. Charpentier Ensemble includes professional/student singers from Ex Cathedra Scholars and the Choir of Christ Church Cathedral Oxford. There will also be a couple of familiar faces...

Tickets: Adults (£13), Over 65s (£10), Students (£5), Under 18s (Free)

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**Coventry Foodbank – current needs for August 2025:**

- instant mashed potato
- jam
- tinned vegetables
- UHT long-life milk
- cooking sauces
- tinned meat
- dry noodles
- tinned fruit

Please place in the Foodbank Collection Basket by the church's Welcome Desk.

Donated items must be long-dated and in good condition or will be thrown away.

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**Security Reminder!**

**Your valuables** - please take your valuables (e.g. handbag) with you when you go forward to take Communion.

**Your children** - please accompany your children if they need the toilet.

Every blessing to you,

Richard

Revd Canon Richard Hibbert

Vicar, Holy Trinity Coventry

Chaplain to the Lord Mayor of Coventry

Chaplain to the Freeman's Guild of Coventry

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