

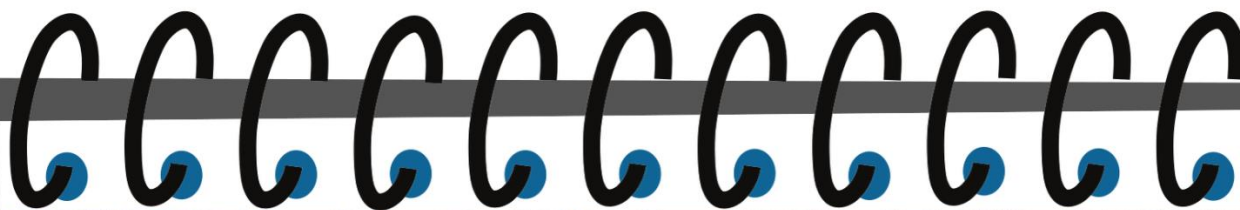


News for you from  
HTC!

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025



Dear friends,



## *Calendar of Worship & Events*

<b>7 December 2025</b>  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent</b>	9.30am	Morning Worship	Preacher: Revd Carolyne Powell Readings: Romans 15:4-13 / Matthew 3:1-12 Mission Slot: A Rocha
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Preacher: Revd Carolyne Powell Readings: Romans 15:4-13 / Matthew 3:1-12 Mission Slot: A Rocha
	5.00pm	Choral Evensong	Leader: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert Readings: Psalm 11 / 1 Kings 18:17-39 / John 1:19-28
<b>8 December 2025</b>	7.30pm	Lord Mayor's Carol Service	Leader: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert
<b>10 December 2025</b>	12.00pm	Holy Communion	Leader: Revd Canon Clifford Uba Readings: 1 Samuel 16:1-13a / John 4:31-38
<b>13 December 2025</b>	7.00pm	Rotary Concert	Rotary Club of Coventry
<b>14 December 2025</b>  <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent</b>	9.30am	Morning Worship	Preacher: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert Readings: James 5:7-10 / Matthew 11:2-11
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Preacher: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert Readings: James 5:7-10 / Matthew 11:2-11
	5.00pm	Choral Evensong	Leader: John Roy Readings: Psalm 12 / Isaiah 5:8-end / Acts 13:13-41

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**[Instagram @holytrinitychurchcoventry](#)   X [@HTCCoventry](#)   FB [Holy Trinity Church Coventry](#)**

*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](#) service can be found here.*

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### **For your prayers this week:**

Give thanks for:

- The Carol Services already held
- The volunteer vergers, assistant wardens and welcomers, who are undertaking extra duties this month.

Pray for:

- Positive impact of our Christmas Services flyer, drawing many to worship with us.
- Neighbours, colleagues and friends, whom you invite to a Christmas service
- Clear Gospel message to be heard through the sermons, addresses, readings and carols
- Christmas Services' supported mission partner: Diocese of Jerusalem's 2 hospitals (Gaza and Nablus), serving all faiths within the Palestinian Authority areas
- For the office and volunteers with all the busyness of the next few weeks
  - Midweek and Sunday Welcomers
  - 'Assistant' wardens/service overseers
  - Opening and closing of Trinity House
- Donations to cover the cost of the new hymnbooks, refreshing our choice of music.
- 2026 Budget and the need to increase the number and amount of donors through Parish Giving Scheme to cover our budget.
- The appointment of a 4<sup>th</sup> churchwarden, to join the church's leadership team.
- Volunteers willing to serve in the various roles outlined below.
- Just peace across our world where there are conflicts, oppression and violence.
- Swift and full healing to Peter S, Christine B, Bob W, Colin M, Vito J.

### **Pray for those without faith this Christmastide**

O Holy Spirit of Christ - teacher, helper, and friend: open the hearts and minds of many this Christmas-time to the good and saving news of Jesus Christ that those who are insecure, or empty, or aimless, may find in the One from Bethlehem all that they need today, and much more besides; for his name's sake. Amen.

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## A word from Richard: [Christmas Watching and Waiting](#)

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### Congratulations!

To Nick Jackson on the safe birth of a granddaughter, Elvia Ashe Jackson, 3.385kg (8½ lbs) on 4<sup>th</sup> December.

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### Breeze Translate

Throughout the whole of December, we are delighted to be able to provide a real-time translation service during all of our main services.



It's really simple to use: just open a web browser on your phone, go to [htc.breeze-translate.com](http://htc.breeze-translate.com) (or follow the link in the QR code), choose the language of your choice, and press "Go".

You will see the words that are being spoken appearing as text in your chosen language, with the text in English beneath.

You can pick up a reminder card with these instructions from the tech desk at the back of church.

Please pass this information on to anyone you know who might benefit from it.

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### Christmas Services

A festive poster for Holy Trinity Coventry's Christmas services. It features a red background with white snowflakes and warm white string lights. The HTC logo is at the top center, with 'HOLY TRINITY COVENTRY' underneath. A circular inset on the right shows the interior of a church with a long aisle and candles. The text 'You are invited to our Christmas Services' is in yellow. A list of services with dates and times is provided, each preceded by a yellow square icon. At the bottom, the phrase 'Christ the Saviour is born' is written in yellow script.

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You are invited to our **Christmas** Services

❑ Advent Carols – From Darkness to Light (with choir)	Sun 30 November 6.00pm
❑ Lord Mayor's Carol Service (with choir)	Mon 8 December 7.30pm
❑ Family Carols and Nativity	Sun 21 December 10.30am
❑ Nine Lessons and Carols (with choir)	Sun 21 December 6.00pm
❑ Christmas Eve Midnight Communion (with choir)	Wed 24 December 11.00pm
❑ Christmas Day Communion	Thu 25 December 10.30am
❑ New Year's Eve Watchnight Service	Wed 31 December 11.00pm

*Christ the Saviour is born*



## Christmas events and concerts

**Christmas Events at Holy Trinity**

★ Eclectica Concert	Sat 29 November 2.00pm
★ Festival of Christmas Trees	Thu 4 December to Wed 24 December 11.00am to 3.00pm
★ Coventry Wind Band Society	Fri 5 December 7.30pm
★ Rotary Christmas Concert	Sat 13 December 7.00pm
★ AC Coventry Christmas Concert	Wed 17 December 7.00pm

Holy Trinity, Broadgate CV1 1LN  
[holytrinitycoventry.org.uk](http://holytrinitycoventry.org.uk)

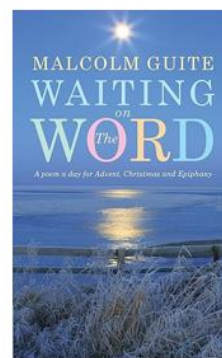
## Chapel of Unity, Advent Meditations – Coventry Cathedral, Monday 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> December

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at Coventry Cathedral  
A·D·V·E·N·T·M·E·D·I·T·A·T·I·O·N·S



The Chapel of Unity is hosting an on-line via Zoom  
20-minute Poem Reflection at  
6.00pm each Monday evening during Advent

We will follow a selection of the poems taken from



Malcolm Guite's book  
Waiting on the Word

Hear the poem - share a reflection - end with prayer  
1 December → **Autumn** → by David Baird  
8 December → **Old Age** → by Edmund Waller  
15 December → **Kenosis** → by Luci Shaw  
22 December → **O-Oriens** → by Malcolm Guite  
Click: [Zoom link for Advent Reflections](#) or  
Meeting ID: 864 9505 4646 ..... Passcode: COUR2025

## Carbon Confidence (in an Hour) – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am to 12.45pm at Trinity House.

Boost your knowledge about climate crisis and find out how you can help to care for God's creation. Be inspired and informed as we work together to reach net zero carbon. Join in via an excellent new course created by the Church of England's Environment Programme team. Carbon Confidence in an Hour will help you discover:

**THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND** **Pathway to Net Zero** **Net Zero Carbon 2030**

**Become 'carbon confident'**

Take part in a new bite-size course - **Carbon Confidence in an Hour**

The course content runs for one hour with up to 30 minutes added for your own comments and questions.

**Boost your knowledge** about climate crisis and discover how you can help to **care for God's creation**

**Register now!**

**New date**  
10 Dec 2025

**Supporting each other to reach Net Zero Carbon**

Be inspired and informed as we work together to reach Net Zero Carbon emissions. Join in via an excellent short course created by the Church of England's Environment Programme team.

**Carbon Confidence in an Hour** will help you discover:

- Climate science basics
- The missional aspects of climate change action
- Our diocesan footprint, including embodied carbon
- Your role in addressing climate crisis in your community

**Next steps**

Attend in person or via 'Teams' from the comfort of your own location.

**Dates**

for staff and volunteers at Holy Trinity Church, St Mark's Church, the Coventry Cathedrals, DBF and members of DAC.

10 Dec 2025, 11 a.m. Coventry city centre - venue tbc

**Sign up here:**  
<https://www.equiphub.org.uk/courses-events-and-resources/carbon-confidence-dbf/>

Climate science basics:

- \* The missional aspects of climate change action.
- \* Our diocesan footprint, including embodied carbon.
- \* Your role in addressing climate crisis in your community.

'An hour' refers to the resources and training materials and we add 30 minutes for participative reflection and discussion. Kindly use this link to access details of the course: [Carbon Confidence 'in an Hour'](https://www.equiphub.org.uk/courses-events-and-resources/carbon-confidence-dbf/)

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## Rotary Christmas Concert – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm in Holy Trinity

All are welcome to enjoy a joy-filled concert of Christmas songs and music, and admire the Rotary Festival of Christmas Trees.

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**AC Coventry Christmas Concert (Armonico Consort) - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 7.00pm**



For more details: [AC COVENTRY CHRISTMAS CONCERT - Armonico](#)

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**Nativity Service & Play: Led by Our Children - Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> December at 10.30am**

Mark your calendars for a very special Nativity Service and Play at Holy Trinity!

We warmly invite all members of our congregation and the wider community to join us as our children lead the service and bring the classic Nativity story to life.

This service is a celebration of the Christmas story through the eyes and voices of our young people, and we are thrilled that families will be actively involved in the service elements alongside the children's beautiful performance.

It will be an amazing and heartwarming start to the final countdown before Christmas. We encourage you to invite friends and neighbours to share in this joyful occasion.

For further details and other inquiries, please contact Thomas at:  
[youthandfamilies@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk](mailto:youthandfamilies@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk)

We look forward to seeing you there!

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## New Year's Eve – Watch service – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 from 11pm

Will you be in Coventry on New Year's Eve and would you like to help make the watch service possible? Last year over 200 people from across the city (and beyond) joined us. This year again we will take time to thank God for his faithfulness, praise his name and seek him for the new year.

To be involved (welcome, IT, PA, readings, etc) contact Carolyne  
[carolynepowell@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk](mailto:carolynepowell@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk)

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## Host HTC students for Christmas!

Would you be willing/happy to host **2–3 students** either on **Christmas Eve (24 December)** or for **lunch or dinner on Christmas Day (25 December 2025)**?

We have a wonderful opportunity for you to host international students and young adults in your home this Christmas. These guests are part of **The Table**, a ministry of HTC that serves them. The Table community represents **21 nations** and a wide range of cultural and religious backgrounds. By welcoming these students, you will have the opportunity to hear their stories, learn about their families and cultures, and extend genuine Christian hospitality.



Celebrating Christmas with them in your home will be a rich and memorable experience, especially since they are far from their own homes and families during such a special time. Hosting them will not only be meaningful and enriching for you, but also an opportunity to demonstrate Christ in a practical way to those from non-Christian or unchurched backgrounds.

It will also serve as a lasting investment in their lives and in the vision and ministry of **The Table**.

If you are interested in hosting, or want to find out more, - or would like more information about the students or the ministry - please contact **Siby** (07724023389).  
Thanks!

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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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## **Volunteers Needed**

### **Midweek and Weekend Welcome Team**

Can you spare a couple of hours during the week showing HTC's values of welcome and warmth to visitors to the church? The Welcome Team usually serve between 11am and 3pm Tuesday to Sunday.

### **Opening and Closing of Trinity House**

Can you assist the running of Trinity House, our church centre, and be available with others to opening and locking up Trinity House. Occasional duties, daytime and evening opportunities.

### **Assistant wardens / overseers**

Helping to manage and oversee church services, so that all run smoothly.

To know more, contact the office: [htoffice@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk](mailto:htoffice@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk) 📞 024 7622 0418

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## Other News:

### Mission Focus: December 2025



**A Rocha UK** is a Christian charity working to equip Christians and churches to protect and restore the environment – believing that our care for creation should reflect our love for the Creator who continues to sustain it and will one day totally renew it. A Rocha aims to inspire individuals and families, equip churches and church leaders, and build partnerships with other environmental organisations. They also have several renovation projects around the country, in both rural and urban settings, ‘targeting 25’ places and species that are struggling with the effects of climate change, habitat loss and pollution.

In the face of accelerating climate change and species loss, we need more than ever to take action to protect and care for God’s creation today.

For more information visit: <https://arocha.org.uk/about-us/who-we-are/>

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### Coventry Foodbank – urgent needs for November 2025:

- UHT Long Life Milk
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Tinned Fruit
- Jam
- Cooking Sauces
- Tea Bags
- Instant Mash Potato
- Instant Coffee

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.

Every blessing to you,  
Richard

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