



News for you from
HTC!

Friday 12th December 2025

Dear friends,

Calendar of Worship & Events



13 December 2025	7.00pm	Rotary Christmas Concert	Rotary Club of Coventry
14 December 2025 3rd Sunday in Advent	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
17 December 2025	12.00pm	Holy Communion	Leader: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert
	7.00pm	AC Coventry Christmas Concert	Armonico Consort
21 December 2025 4th Sunday in Advent	10.30am	Holy Communion	Leaders: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert / Iworibo Thomas Theme: Family Carols and Nativity
	6.00pm	Carols by Candlelight	Leader: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert Theme: Nine Lessons and Carols with Choir

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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 [5pm](#) service can be found here.

For your prayers this week:

Give thanks for:

- The volunteer vergers, assistant wardens and welcomers, who are undertaking extra duties this month.
- Musicians and singers, as they serve our worship over this Christmas season

Pray for:

- 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
- For volunteers for these roles:
 - 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 churchwarden, to join the church's leadership team.
- Just peace across our world where there are conflicts, oppression and violence.
- Swift and full healing to Peter S, Bob W, Vino 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.

A word from Richard: [Most Wonderful Time](#)

Rotary Christmas Concert – Saturday 13th 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.

AC Coventry Christmas Concert (Armonico Consort) - Wednesday 17th December at 7.00pm



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

Church Maintenance - Saturday, 20th December

The gardening group meets from 9:30 to 11:00 on the third Saturday of this month (20th December). All are welcome to help, no experience needed.

If you wish to join the WhatsApp group, please let Tayo have your name and mobile number.

- *Jane Hutton*

Sunday, 21st December at 10.30am

Nativity Service & Play: Led by Our Children

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

We look forward to seeing you there!

Instrumental Ensemble - Sunday 21 December, 10.30am

We will once again be forming an instrumental ensemble for our 'Family Carols and Nativity' on Sunday 21 December at 10.30am. All instrumentalists are welcome and you don't have to be an advanced player to join in. The service will include six well-known carols to play. Please contact Alex Norman (Director of Music) if you intend to participate; sheet music is available to practice in advance if required. There will be a rehearsal from 9.30am on Sunday 21 December.

Contact: alexandernorman@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk

Christmas Services

A red poster for Holy Trinity Coventry (HTC) Christmas services. The top features the HTC logo and a circular inset image of a church interior. The main text reads "You are invited to our Christmas Services". Below this is a list of seven services, each preceded by a yellow square icon. The services are: Advent Carols - From Darkness to Light (with choir) on Sun 30 November 6.00pm; Lord Mayor's Carol Service (with choir) on Mon 8 December 7.30pm; Family Carols and Nativity on Sun 21 December 10.30am; Nine Lessons and Carols (with choir) on Sun 21 December 6.00pm; Christmas Eve Midnight Communion (with choir) on Wed 24 December 11.00pm; Christmas Day Communion on Thu 25 December 10.30am; and New Year's Eve Watchnight Service on Wed 31 December 11.00pm. The bottom of the poster features the text "Christ the Saviour is born." in yellow.

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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 (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.

New Hymn Books for the Choir

To update and refresh our worship offering, new Full-Music and Melody edition hymn books have been obtained, with a grant from the publishers for most of the congregational copies. Revd Richard and Alex (DoM) are asking if you could join them in sponsoring 1 or 2 hymn books: £35 for Full-Music, £22 Melody, £13 Words

Please donate (and if possible **gift-aid**) direct to PCC of Holy Trinity Coventry:

Account Name: PCC of Holy Trinity

Sort Code: 40 18 17

Account Number: 40649686

Reference: Hymn Books

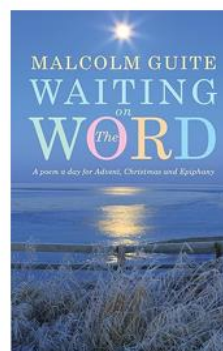
Chapel of Unity, Advent Meditations – Coventry Cathedral

CHAPEL OF UNITY at Coventry Cathedral ADVENT MEDITATIONS



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

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| 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

New Year's Eve – Watch service – 31st 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 Carolynne
carolynnepowell@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk

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!

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 or the Office 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.

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 ☎ 024 7622 0418

Other News:

Mission Focus: December 2025 - A Rocha UK



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/>

Coventry Foodbank – urgent needs for December 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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