

August 2026

Date	Service/Event	Theme and/or Reading
Sunday 16 August 11th Sunday after Trinity	All Age Holy Communion – 10.30am	Preacher: Nii Kpakpo Ankrah Rom 11:1-2a, 29-36 / Matt 15:10-28
	Evening Prayer– 5.00pm	Leader: Pete Griffiths 2Kings 4:1-37 / Acts 16:1-15
Wednesday 19 August Trinity 11	Holy Communion – 12 Noon	Leader: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert Isa 56:1, 6-8 / Matt 15:21-28
Sunday 23 August 12th Sunday after Trinity	All Age Holy Communion – 10.30am	Preacher: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert Rom 12:1-8 / Matt 16:13-20
	Evening Prayer– 5.00pm (1st EP of Bartholomew, Apostle)	Leader: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert Isa 61:1-9 / 2 Cor 6:1-10



Summer services

Please note 10.30am Holy Communion and 5pm Evening Prayer begin from Sunday 26th July until Sunday 6th September.

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For your prayers this week:

Give thanks for:

- HTC's Tech team, serving through PA, livestream and laptop operator, and growing number joining the team.
- A new Finance Cttee secretary stepping forward
- Church Garden Gully Clearing Day helpers, who made a big difference in the heat of the day.

Pray for:

- The IT Screens to be smoothly and effectively installed.
- The architects' outline design for the re-ordering of the church West End to be welcomed by the DAC (Diocesan planning permission).
- An increase in our regular donations to cover our strongly rising expenditure.
- More church members donating through the Parish Giving Scheme
- Coventry based people/families to join our worshipping community.
- **God's provision of people to serve as:**
 - Our fourth Churchwarden.
 - Our PCC HR Officer (an administrative role, not requiring HR expertise).
 - Lower voices (alto, tenor, bass) for our choir, and further musicians / instrumentalists for our worship group
- **Ongoing mission and ministry at HTC and Trinity House (church centre):**
 - Provision of growing income for Trinity House.

- Revd Carolyne's and PCC's desire to facilitate an Urban Monastery of prayer, worship, learning, hospitality.
- Rest and refreshment for the various volunteers over the summer holidays.
- **Nations and leaders:**
- Peacemakers and reconcilers to be raised up, that areas of conflict would know justice and concord.
- **Those bearing the burden of illness and poor wellbeing**

Prayers for Holy Trinity: our Ministry and Mission:

God of Mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give Vision to our planning, Wisdom to our actions, Joy to our worship, and power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our city and community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Gracious God, you call Holy Trinity to be a light in this city and a sign of your love in the world. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that we may be faithful in worship, courageous in witness, and generous in service. Guide our leaders with wisdom, strengthen our congregation in unity, and open our hearts to welcome all whom you are drawing to yourself. May our ministry bear fruit in lives transformed, communities renewed, and your kingdom made known among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BCP Collect for Rain

O God, heavenly Father, who by thy Son Jesus Christ hast promised to all those who seek thy kingdom and its righteousness all things necessary to sustain their life: Send us, we entreat thee, in this time of need, such moderate rain and showers, that we may receive the fruits of the earth, to our comfort and to thy honour; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Richard's video for this week: [The Odyssey - frail fame and glory](#)

Jonathan and Jenny Williams share their HTC story: watch [here](#)

Serving Our Community: HTC Youth visit Coventry Foodbank

On Monday, 10th August 2026, our HTC Youth visited the Coventry Foodbank to learn firsthand about the incredible work being done to support families across our city. It

was an inspiring, eye-opening experience for our young people to see community care in action and serve alongside Dee and her wonderful team.

Huge thanks to Dee and the Foodbank team for hosting us, and to Nick, Jan, and Ges for playing a big role in making the event possible. Here are a few highlights from the visit.



Keeping in Touch – all welcome

Following the success of last summer's "Keeping in Touch" gathering, the **Walk and Talk Group** is once again meeting socially over the summer and would love you to join them.

Date: Tuesday, 18 August

Time: 11.00 am

Venue: The Belgrade Theatre – *Burbidge Room (upstairs)*

To help with arrangements, please let **Jean Howard** know by **Sunday, 16 August** if you plan to attend, so that expected numbers can be confirmed.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Choir Visit to Southwark Cathedral

We are delighted that the Holy Trinity Choir has been invited to sing **Choral Evensong** at **Southwark Cathedral, London**, on **Tuesday 25 August** and **Wednesday 26 August**.

Service time: 5.30 pm on both days.

Members of our congregation are warmly invited to attend and support the choir.

Southwark Cathedral is just a short walk from **London Bridge Underground Station** and is conveniently located near many of London's famous landmarks, including **The Shard, Borough Market**, and **St Paul's Cathedral**. Why not combine supporting the choir with a day of sightseeing in the capital?

We wish the choir every blessing as they represent Holy Trinity on this special occasion.

Thanks for Church Garden Gully Clearing Day

A big thank you to **Jane, Nick, Miriam, Sarah, Thomas, Pam and Lawrence** for their hard work on Saturday 8th August, clearing the gully and cutting back the buddleia.

Your time and effort are very much appreciated. **Thank you all!**

Urban Escape 2026

Our young people had a fantastic week at Urban Escape 2026, enjoying a packed programme of exciting activities, meaningful friendships, and opportunities to grow in their faith.



Here are some reflections from those who attended:

Abel:

"A week where I heard great, deep sermons every evening. I learnt one key thing: if you believe in God, you must not only believe with your head but also with your heart."

David:

"This year I went to Urban Escape for the first time, and it was fantastic. I enjoyed learning about God and taking part in the group discussions. My favourite part was going to the beach and playing rugby on the shore. On the last day, we also played a city-wide Peter Pan game, which was great fun."

Michael:

"I had an amazing time on the trip and really enjoyed spending time with my friends. During the week, we took part in lots of exciting activities, including a hike, a beach day, an aqua park, and a town-wide challenge. My favourite day was the aqua park because I enjoyed playing in the water with my friends and leaders. I also loved the town-wide game, where we worked as a team to find Captain Hook's stolen coins. Although my team came second, it was still great fun. Throughout the camp, we learnt more about God through Bible talks, worship, and group discussions. I learnt that trusting God is important and that He is always there when we need Him. I also made many new friends. Overall, I had an amazing week, and I would definitely go again next year."

We are thankful for all the leaders who gave their time to make the week possible and look forward to returning again next year!

A D V E R T

Role Holy Trinity Coventry is seeking:

PCC Human Resources Officer (Voluntary)

Are you excited by helping the PCC fulfil its administrative and statutory functions as an employer?

We are seeking a volunteer to serve as the PCC Human Resources Officer (HRO) is designated by the PCC to oversee human resources (staffing) issues within the Holy Trinity Church (HTC) Coventry. Helpful support and advice are provided by the Diocesan HR Advisor.

The HRO's role is to advise and support the PCC and parish Line Managers in all paid staff related issues, excluding licensed clergy.

For further information and role description, please contact Rebecca Roy (parishmanager@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk – 024 7622 0418).

Future HTC services and events

Commemoration of Lady Godiva

Wednesday 9th September – 12 noon – Holy Communion in Marler Chapel

Harvest Sunday

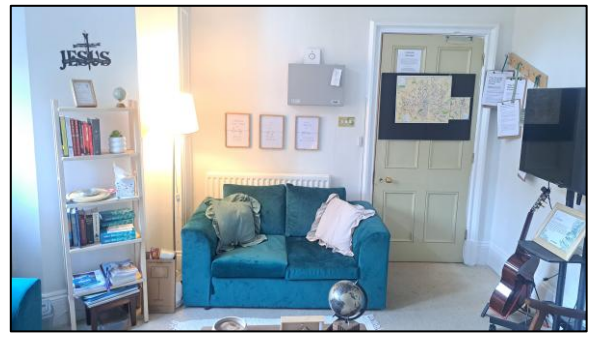
Sunday 27th September – 10.30am

We will be worshipping with a focus on TearFund's work. TeraFund our our September supported Mission Partner. Come and enjoy

Prayer Room – available for you to pray and pause

Please join Revd Carolyne and others as she leads our praying for God's church and world.

There is one meeting where transforming change happens; it's when the church prays. Come and be part of making that difference in our world, our church, our lives.



Coventry Outreach – A Day of Prayer & Gospel Sharing

Date: Every Saturday, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Come and be part of a meaningful and joy-filled time as we seek God in prayer and share the love of Christ in our city.

9:00 – 10:30 AM | Prayer for Coventry

(Prayer Room, Trinity House, CV1 5EX)

We will begin by seeking God's heart for the city, praying for churches, communities, neighbours, students, and those in need.

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM | Outreach

Step out together in faith as we:

- Prayer walk through the city
- Pray with and for people
- Share our testimonies and God's love
- Share the message of salvation in Christ
- Distribute Gospel literature

12:30 – 1:00 PM | Lunch & Debrief

(Youth Room, Trinity House, CV1 5EX)

We'll gather to share stories, encourage one another, and enjoy fellowship over lunch.

Whether you've done outreach before or this is your first time, you are very welcome. Come with an open heart and God will do the rest.

We look forward to spending this special time with you.

For more information contact Siby at sibynamkha@gmail.com

Volunteers needed for Clothing Coventry

(helping sort out uniforms for families who cannot afford to buy new ones)

 **Monday 10th August – Friday 28th August (weekdays only)**

 Queens Road Baptist Church, CV1 3FE

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 Volunteer sessions:

- 9:30am – 1:00pm
- 12:00pm – 3:30pm
- Full day: 9:30am – 3:30pm (with a break in between)

For more information:

<https://clothingcoventry.org/uniform-volunteer-information/>

Mission Focus for August 2026



Novi Most was set up in the wake of the Bosnian civil war in the 1990s. Even now, tension remains between the Bosnian, Serb and Croat groups, and the country is beset by corruption and high youth unemployment. Novi Most means ‘New Bridge’ and they bring young people together from all ethnic groups for activities such as music, art, sports, and camps, along with worship and discipleship. One leader says, ‘I believe

this is the power and hope of the gospel, that we can leave the past behind us and be united in Christ.'

For more information, see: <https://www.novimost.org>

Elections to General Synod

New members are being elected to General Synod this year – and you are invited to stand as a candidate.

General Synod is the national assembly of the Church of England. It shapes and approves laws that affect the whole of the Church of England. It agrees new forms of worship, debates matters of national and international importance and approves the annual budget for the work of the Church at national level.

Elections are happening for new General Synod members during summer 2026.

Diocese of Coventry will be electing three clergy members and three lay members.

Nominations open on Friday 14 August and close on Monday 7 September.

If you are interested in standing for election, please check the eligibility requirements below. You will need to be nominated by two people who are each 'qualified electors'. The qualified electors for these elections are current lay deanery synod members (for lay nominations) and most members of the clergy (for clergy nominations). Please contact elections@coventry.anglican.org with any queries.

How do I nominate myself?

Candidates who are qualified electors: you will receive an email from Civica Election Services on 14 August with a personal link to the nomination portal.

Candidates who are not qualified electors, or who prefer not to use the nomination portal: please use either this [CLERGY NOMINATION FORM](#) or [LAY NOMINATION FORM](#). Completed forms should be sent to elections@coventry.anglican.org, or posted to Presiding Officer, Diocese of Coventry, 7 Priory Row, Coventry, CV1 5EX.

Thinking of standing? Please read this [Information for Potential Candidates](#) and [Hustings Information](#).

For more information or answers to questions, please contact Revd Richard

***** NEW *** Coventry Foodbank – urgent needs for August 2026:**

- Tinned Potatoes & Instant Mash
- Cooking Sauces (pasta or curry sauces)
- Soft Drinks (fruit juice or squash only; no water, fizzy cans, or kids' pop bottles)
- Tinned Fish & Tinned Fruit
- UHT Long-Life Milk & Jams
- Shampoo
- Deodorant

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,

Revd Canon Richard Hibbert
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Chaplain to the Lord Mayor of Coventry
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