

Dear friends,



## March 2026

### Calander of Worship and events this week

Date	Service/Events	Readings
<b>22nd March</b>	Morning Worship – 9.30am Lent 5/Passion Sunday	Preacher: Nii Kpakpo Ezek 37:1-14
	Holy Communion – 11.15am Lent 5/Passion Sunday	Preacher: Nii Kpakpo Ezek 37:1-14 / John 11:1-45
	Evensong – 5.00pm	Leader: Simon Brake Lam 3:19-33 / Matt 20:17-end
<b>25th March</b>	Holy Communion – 12.00 noon Annunciation of BVM	Leader: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert Heb 10:4-10 / Luke 1:26-38
<b>29th March</b>	All Age Holy Communion – 10.30am Palm Sunday	Preacher: Revd Carolyne Powell Ps 118:19-24 / Matt 21:1-11
	Evensong – 5.00pm	Leader: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert Isa 5:1-7 / Matt 21:33-end

*Our notices are available on our website/social media: Holy Trinity Church Coventry.  
To unsubscribe from our email, please reply with the word 'unsubscribe'.*

Click the below links to view or download this Sunday Insert;

[11:15AM Service](#)   [Evensong 5:00PM Service](#)

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

To watch our live /recorded services, please subscribe to our YouTube channel: [Holy Trinity Coventry](#).

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

#### **Give thanks for:**

- The mercy and forgiveness of God, freely given to those who put their trust in Jesus' death and resurrection
- Those visitors we see joining us in worship, that they may meet God afresh
- The Trinity House Prayer Room, space to spend time with God (book through Mahima)

#### **Pray for**

- Peace across the Middle East, and leaders of the regional nations to seek peaceful coexistence and just government.
- The Holy Spirit to open hearts and draw people to himself as we distribute over 3000 flyers inviting our parish to our Holy Week and Easter services to hear the Good News of Jesus
- The group exploring the Christian faith (Alpha course), continuing on Tuesdays.
- Spirit of generosity for donations required for funding the screens in church.
- Planning for Holy Week and Easter services, that each service may deepen faith and knowledge of God's grace and forgiveness.
- This month's Mission partner: Coffee Tots:
  - o Being a welcoming space always for all
  - o Physical/mental health and resilience for families and for the staff team.
  - o Courses/groups provide a safe space for families to receive help/support and learn.
  - o Grant applications in progress (£62k currently being considered).
  - o Relationship with the Wave as this grows and develops.
- Our Government deciding on many competing issues and problems
- True peace and a just settlement to many wars/conflicts around the world.
- Those you know in need to healing, physical, mental or emotional.

## **Pray for Holy Trinity**

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

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## **A word from Richard: [What is Passion Sunday?](#)**

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## **A Special Invitation for Our Children: Baptism & Holy Communion**

Life moves fast, between travel, busy schedules, and the disruptions of the last few years (COVID), we know some of our church family missed the opportunity for infant baptisms. This April, we are hosting a special Baptism Catch-Up Group specifically for children aged 7–11, for four weekly sessions on Tuesdays from April the 14th to 5th of May 2026.

Following this, we are also offering a Supplementary Course on Admission to Holy Communion for those who wish to receive the Sacrament before their confirmation. This will also be open to children aged 7-11, including those in the catch-up baptism group and this course will run on Tuesdays 12th and 19th May 2026.

Both groups will lead toward a beautiful celebration on Trinity Sunday, 31st May, where the candidates will be baptized and/or admitted to Communion.

Every Tuesday, we will meet for a relaxed Tea & Teaching session. We will start with sandwiches and cake at 5:30 PM, followed by our teaching session, and wrap up promptly by 6:25 PM, perfect for those heading straight to Choir practice!

If your child is interested in joining us, please see Thomas at the church to collect an application form or simply send an email to:

[youthandfamilies@holyltrinitycoventry.org.uk](mailto:youthandfamilies@holyltrinitycoventry.org.uk)

The deadline for applications is Sunday, 29th March.

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## **Thrive Juniors**

We are delighted to invite interested families to join us on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April for an amazing time for children to worship, have fun with friends.

Please see flyer for more details, they are available at the back of the church (welcome desk).

FOR CHILDREN IN RECEPTION - YEAR 6

# thrive Juniors

**SATURDAY 25TH APRIL**  
DOORS OPEN 2:45PM  
**3PM-5PM**

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS CHURCH,  
GREEN LANE, FINHAM, COVENTRY,  
CV3 6EA

AN AMAZING TIME FOR CHILDREN TO COME TOGETHER, WORSHIP,  
AND HAVE FUN WITH THEIR FRIENDS!

IT IS A REQUIREMENT THAT ALL CHURCHES REPRESENTED MUST HAVE  
DBS CHECKED LEADERS ATTENDING WITH THEIR CHILDREN

🎨 CRAFTS | 🎮 GAMES | 🍷 REFRESHMENTS | 🙏 CREATIVE PRAYER ✨

COME AND DISCOVER HOW EXCITING IT IS TO WORSHIP TOGETHER AT  
THRIVE JUNIORS — WHERE FAITH AND FUN COME ALIVE!

**BOOK YOUR PLACE HERE!**



QR CODE TO  
SIGN UP

**CHILDREN & LEADERS MUST SIGN UP  
BY MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

[WWW.THRIVEYM.ORG.UK/JUNIORS](http://WWW.THRIVEYM.ORG.UK/JUNIORS)



## Saturday Club: Games, Fellowship & Fun

We are calling all 9- to 12-year-olds to join us on **Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> March** for an afternoon of games, fun and a chance to catch up with friends at Starpin (in the West Orchard Mall) from **12:30pm to 2pm**. We will first meet at Trinity House by 12:30pm and then walk for 5 minutes to Starpin together (please wear comfortable shoes).

Interested families should please contact Thomas at:  
[youthandfamilies@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk](mailto:youthandfamilies@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk) to book a spot.

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### **A special Mothers' Day poem**

**By Sophia Kendall, 2026**

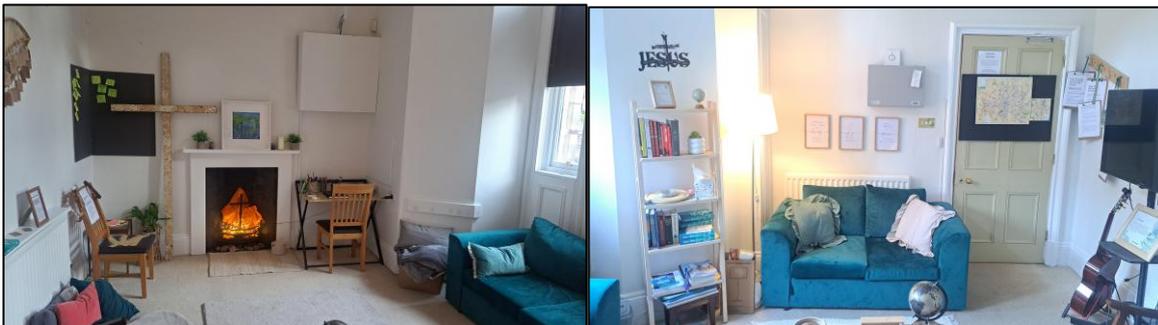
'Mums we honour you  
We're in awe of what you do  
Who buys food from Morrisons?  
Who makes time for you in tonnes?  
Who *gently* brushes your hair?  
Who cuddles you when you have a nightmare?  
Who washes the dishes, mops the floor?  
And more and more and more and more!  
You are our diamonds in the rough,  
You are perfect - more than enough!  
Dads - don't feel unappreciated  
A day for you has been created.  
Do not fret, it's coming soon  
It's on the twenty-first of June!  
Let's make time to celebrate each of us  
Remember everyone deserves a fuss.  
God loves us every single one  
But today it's time for mums to have fun!

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### **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.



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## Easter flyers are here! Would you consider distributing them?

We would love every household in our parish to know the love of Christ and play a part in his Kingdom. Would you consider taking a few bundles of flyers to let people know they are invited and we would love to welcome them? (and how much more Jesus!) Bundles are available at the back of church, just sign up which streets you have taken.

We pray the Holy Spirit would use our invitations for his purposes.



**Join us this Easter**

**Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026**  
Holy Communion 10:30am  
Choral Evensong 5:00pm

**Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2026**  
Holy Communion 7:30pm @ Coventry Cathedral

**Good Friday, April 3, 2026**  
Walk of Witness 10:30am to 11:15am @ Priory Garden  
Three-Hour Vigil 12:00Noon - 3:00pm (with Choir)

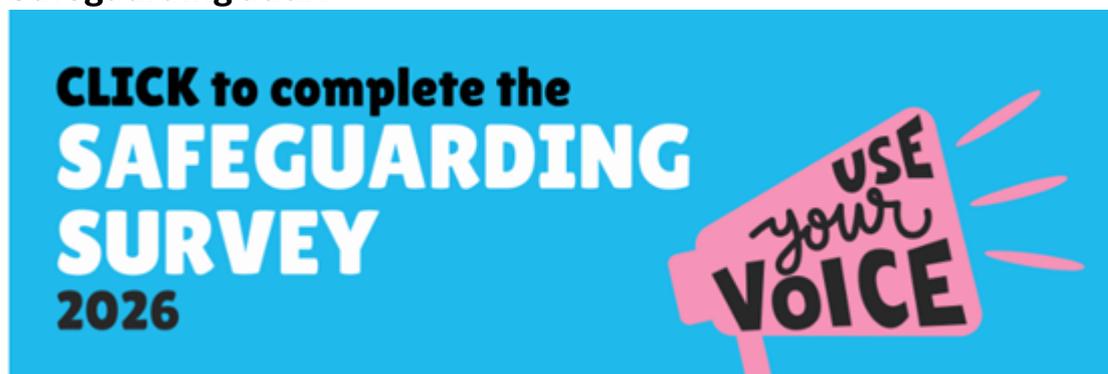
**Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026**  
Holy Communion 10:30am  
Choral Evensong 5:00pm

**Easter Trail, March 30 to April 10, 2026**  
A Trail Adventure for children of all ages to explore the Easter Story in a fun and interactive way during church opening hours.

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## Safeguarding audit



**CLICK to complete the**  
**SAFEGUARDING**  
**SURVEY**  
**2026**

**USE**  
*your*  
**VOICE**

The safeguarding practices of the diocese will be audited by an independent organisation for a few months, starting in March. The INEQE Safeguarding Audit is a major part of the Church of England's national commitment to strengthening safeguarding culture, practice, and accountability across every diocese, cathedral, and palace.

INEQE will choose to speak to some specific people, probably a broad range representatives, people and post holders from across the diocese which they will select. **However, a huge part of the audit is captured through the online surveys, which will be open for around 6 to 8 weeks, everyone who wishes to will have the opportunity to share their voice**, we're hoping that hundreds across the diocese will take this opportunity to use their voice

To be part of the survey, click [here](#)

You can also watch a video by Bishop Sophie [here](#)

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**Lent 2026**  
**Worship in the wilderness**

Every day (on your own)	Every week (in community)	Throughout Lent (alone, with friends or as family)
<b>Daily rhythm of prayer</b> <b>Every morning - Lectio365 App</b> <i>40 days of prayer, simplicity, and spiritual renewal, based on the Desert Fathers and Mothers.</i> From Monday 23 Feb, join Carolyne online at t 7.30am Mondays and Thursdays.  <b>Every evening</b> (with the Order of the Mustard Seed) Online 9pm  Contact Carolyne for login details <a href="mailto:carolynepowell@holytrinitycoventry.org">carolynepowell@holytrinitycoventry.org</a>	<b>The Prayer Course</b> An 8-week video course <b>Starting Wed 25 Feb</b> 7.30-9pm in Trinity House Contact Richard to sign-up <a href="mailto:richardhibbert@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk">richardhibbert@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk</a>	<b>Wilderness Stations</b> <b>In the Prayer Room (Trinity House)</b> Tuesdays & Thursdays 2-5pm Wednesdays & Fridays 9am-12noon Sat 14 March, 9-12noon Sat 28 March 9-12 noon  To book a slot go to 24-7 website <a href="https://signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/4f2aac/">https://signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/4f2aac/</a> 

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Order of the Mustard Seed  
prayer

How will you journey this Lent? Join us this Lent as we grow in prayer, the place of intimacy with Jesus.

### **Every morning – Lectio Divina**

Pray with Lectio365 App exploring the wilderness with Jesus and the Desert Mothers and Fathers of the Early Church. Join Carolyne online at 7.30am on Mondays and Thursdays (Contact [carolynepowell@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk](mailto:carolynepowell@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk) for zoom details)

### **Every evening – The Examen**

Review your day and Find God ! Every evening 9pm online joining the [Order of the Mustard Seed](#) rhythm of prayer. (Contact [carolynepowell@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk](mailto:carolynepowell@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk) for zoom details)

### **Throughout Lent**

Engage with prayer creatively! Explore the wilderness tales prayer stations in the prayer room in Trinity House. Opened 2-5pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, or 9-12pm on Wednesdays and Fridays, as well as Saturday 14 and 28<sup>th</sup>.

To book, please go to <https://signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/4f2aac/>

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### **Donations for Diocese of Jerusalem's two hospitals (Christmas appeal)**

Thank you to everyone who was able to donate towards supporting two key hospitals, Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza City and St. Luke's Hospital in Nablus. £1386.34 has been donated from Holy Trinity's Christmas services' congregations.

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### **UPDATE on TV display screens in church**

Having received permission from the Diocese to proceed, applications have been made to various grant-making bodies. First replies are expected by end March.

Currently, we have £21,000 already donated by church members. Total cost is £80,000. Can current church members prayerfully consider their donation to join those already given, so that we can reach our target sooner?

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: Screens**

Watch here to see how much difference the screens will make:

[Holy Trinity Coventry : Church Screens Project](#)

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### **Electoral Roll**

You are invited to join the Holy Trinity Electoral Roll, if you have not already done so.

Under the Church Representation Rules, you can be on the Electoral Roll if you are:

- (a) baptised
- (b) aged 16 or over, and
- (c) have habitually attended Holy Trinity for at least six months *or* you live in the parish

### **Why go on the Electoral Roll?**

It is a way of declaring that you are a member of Holy Trinity and entitles you to vote in any elections at the Parochial Church Council Annual General Meeting. Anyone wishing to be a member of the PCC will need to have been on the Electoral Roll for six months.



### **How can I make sure I am included on the new Electoral Roll?**

There are new paper copies available at the back of church.

There's also an online form, which you can access via

<https://forms.office.com/e/yXvParNsvD>

Or you can scan in the QR code on your phone/tablet. **Please submit your application before 1 May 2026.**

*Julie Wilcockson, Electoral Roll Officer*

### **Annual Meetings**

Each Parish Church is required to hold an Annual Meeting of Parishioners at which the Church Wardens are elected, and an Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) at which the Parochial Church Council (PCC) presents reports to the Church on any changes to the Electoral Roll; the finances of the Church; the Building and Fabric; and on the activities of the Diocese and Deanery that the Parish Church belongs to. New PCC members are also elected for a 3-year term at the APCM.

This year's Annual Meetings are on Sunday, 17 May 2026. There are vacancies for PCC members. If you are interested in standing for election there are nomination forms available on the Church website or by the PCC noticeboard. There are also a description of the responsibilities and a list of meeting dates available.

*Keri Husband, PCC Secretary*

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## Arts in Ministry

We hope to see you there!



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## Help Us Understand Daily Life in Our Community !

My name is Praisya Batchu, and I am currently studying for a Master's degree in Business Analytics at Coventry University. As part of a project in collaboration with Enactus UK & Ireland, I am reaching out to older adults in our community to better understand the everyday challenges they may face.

These challenges might include getting to places, accessing essential services, or using technology. This survey provides an opportunity to share your real-life experiences, which will be used as part of my university research to identify common difficulties faced by older adults.

The aim of this work is to ensure that any future ideas or solutions are shaped by genuine needs and lived experiences within our community.

Your input would be greatly appreciated and will help contribute to meaningful, evidence-based outcomes.

## Let's Hear Your Experiences!

Helping Older Adults in Our Community

I want to hear from you about issues like:

-  Getting to appointments
-  Using online services
-  Accessing technology



We're reaching out to older adults in our church and local community to learn about the everyday challenges you may face—whether it's getting to places, accessing services, or using technology.

Before we create any ideas or solutions, we've been asked to **listen first**—and your voice matters.

### How You Can Share:

-  **Friendly Face-to-Face Chat** Meet in person & have a chat.
-  **A Short Google Form** Fill out a quick online form.
-  **A Quick Poll** Answer a short poll on your phone.
-  **Printed Questionnaire** Fill out a paper form.

### Your Participation is Voluntary & Confidential

I'm here to listen and understand your needs.

Thank you so much for your help!

 Phone: 7886146501

 Email: [bpraisy9899@gmail.com](mailto:bpraisy9899@gmail.com)

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## Advance notice – Barn Dance – Saturday 18 April

An event you won't want to miss!

We are holding a Barn Dance on **Saturday 18 April from 6:30pm - 9pm at Baginton Road URC church hall**, with a live ceilidh band!

Tickets £10 for adults; £5 students; children free.

Soft drinks only provided (no alcohol). Tickets will be available to buy from 15 March.

No previous experience required- you'll be guided in the dances.  
If you've never done this before, come and see what it's like - fun, energetic and inclusive.

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## Are you thinking about ordained ministry?



**YOU AND ORDAINED MINISTRY**  
Are You Thinking About Ordained Ministry?

📅 Saturday 18 April  
🕒 10am - 4pm  
📍 Emmanuel Church Bicester, OX26 3HA  
💷 £30

Book at [cpas.org.uk](https://cpas.org.uk)



Join this upcoming CPAS day event, 'You and Ordained Ministry', where you can ask questions in a safe place and explore ordained ministry in the Church of England. CPAS is experienced and committed to helping you discern God's good purposes for your life. Whether you're 18 or 58, confident or confused, excited or daunted go along for an inspiring and informative day. If cost prevents attendance, please speak to Revd Richard or Revd Carolyne.

*Scan the QR code for more information.*

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## Coventry Foodbank – urgent needs for March 2026:

- tinned fruit
- tinned potatoes/instant mash
- long-life milk (UHT)
- cooking sauces (pasta/curry)
- tinned fish
- jam
- rice pudding
- cereal
- dried noodles
- biscuits.
- deodorant
- shampoo

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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