

Dear friends,

March 2026

Calendar of Worship and events this week

Date	Service/Events	Readings
Sunday 29 March Palm Sunday	All Age Holy Communion – 10.30am Palm Sunday	Preacher: Revd Carolyne Powell Matt 21:1-11
	Evensong – 5.00pm	Leader: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert Isa 5:1-7 / Matt 21:33-end
Wednesday 01 April	Holy Communion – 12.00noon Wed of Holy Week	Leader: Revd Carolyne Powell Heb 12:1-3 / John 13:21-32
Thursday 02 April	Holy Communion – 7.30am Maundy Thursday	Venue: Cathedral
Friday 03 April Good Friday	Walk of Witness - 10.30am Good Friday	Venue: Priory Gardens
	Three Hours - 12 Noon Good Friday	Leader: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert Preachers: Revd Rob Harrison and Wilfrid Kendall
Sunday 05 April Easter Day	All Age Holy Communion – 10.30am	Preacher: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert Col 3:1-4 / Matt 28:1-10
	Evensong– 5.00pm	Leader: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert Song of Sol 3:2-5, 8:6-7 / Rev 1:12-18

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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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.

For your prayers this week:

Give thanks for:

- Our teams that serve our services: PA, Livestream, Welcome, Refreshments, Servers, Vergers, musicians and choir
- Our witness to the light and hope of the Gospel in the heart of our city
- The delivery of the Easter services cards to homes across the parish

Pray for

- Peace across the Middle East, and leaders of the regional nations to seek peaceful coexistence and just government.
- The ordinary people of Iran, for protection and a just and kind government.

- Archbishop Sarah as she begins her ministry and leadership
- Bishop Sophie as she leads our Diocese and the church across Coventry and Warwickshire.
- The presence of God to be amongst us during our Holy Week and Easter services
- The group exploring the Christian faith (Alpha course), regathering for treh Away Day on Saturday 11 April
- Spirit of generosity for donations required for funding the screens in church.
- This month's Mission partner: Coffee Tots:
- Our Government deciding on many competing issues and problems
- Blue Coat Church of England School, and the schools near you, to receive rest and refreshment over the Easter break
- True peace and a just settlement to many wars/conflicts around the world.
- Those you know in need to healing, physical, mental or emotional.

Prayer for Holy Week

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

A word from Richard: [My Heart Breaks.](#)

Our New Urban Monastery Coordinator

Mahima was born and raised in India before moving to the United Kingdom to pursue her studies at the University of Warwick, where she completed a Master's degree in Business and Finance at Warwick Business School. Since 2022, she has been worshipping at Holy Trinity Coventry and is a regular attendee of the 11:15 service.

Mahima is delighted to serve as the Coventry Urban Monastery Trinity House Coordinator, where she supports the development of a welcoming space for hospitality, prayer, and mission in the heart of the city. She greatly values being part of a church community that brings together people from diverse nations and backgrounds to worship Jesus.

In addition, Mahima volunteers with the children's group at HTC, where she enjoys encouraging younger members in their faith and helping them feel at home within the church. In her free time, she enjoys crocheting, baking, and exploring new places and cuisines.

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@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk

The deadline for applications is Sunday, 29th March.

Thrive Juniors

We are delighted to invite interested families to join us on Saturday 25th 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 20TH APRIL**

WWW.THRIVEYM.ORG.UK/JUNIORS



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.



PCC – highlights from our last meeting

Safeguarding – Our Parish Safeguarding Officer stressed the importance of all church members to complete the INEQE Diocese survey – see elsewhere in newsletter for link.

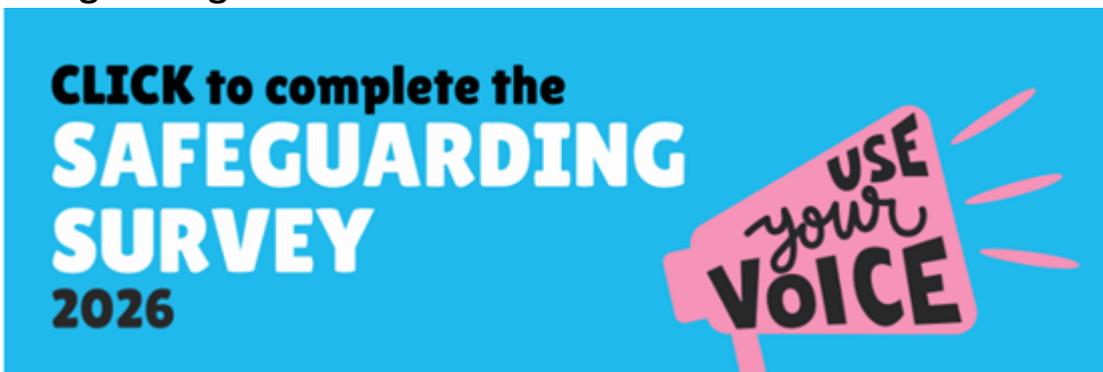
Roles (voluntary) – the PCC HR officer role has come vacant and will be advertised shortly. The PCC Social Media Team Leader has been appointed, and we await completion of the paperwork.

Trinity House Urban Monastery – Revd Carolyne updated in the appointment of Mahima as Coordinator, on the encouraging news about the Scriptorium and the availability of the Prayer Room

PCC finances – The treasurer presented the 2025 management accounts, which showed a breakeven situation – thanks was given to God for the generosity of His people.

Farewell – Chris Jupp, Kathryn Hunter and Abraham Udeh have completed their terms of office. 4 new PCC representatives and 5 new Deanery Synod representatives will be elected at the Annual Meeting (17 May).

Safeguarding audit



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](#)



Lent 2026
Worship in the wilderness

Every day (on your own) Every week (in community) Throughout Lent (alone, with friends or as family)

Daily rhythm of prayer
Every morning - Lectio365 App
40 days of prayer, simplicity, and spiritual renewal, based on the Desert Fathers and Mothers.
From Monday 23 Feb, join Carolyne online at t 7.30am Mondays and Thursdays.
Every evening (with the Order of the Mustard Seed)
Online 9pm
Contact Carolyne for login details
carolynepowell@holyltrinitycoventry.org

The Prayer Course
An 8-week video course
Starting Wed 25 Feb
7.30-9pm in Trinity House
Contact Richard to sign-up
richardhibbert@holyltrinitycoventry.org.uk

Wilderness Stations
In the Prayer Room (Trinity House)
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
https://signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/4f2aac/


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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@holyltrinitycoventry.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 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 28th.

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

***** NEW *** 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.

The PCC approved an additional grant from reserves of £10,000 towards the money needed. So we now have £31,000 already donated by PCC/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](#)

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

Arts in Ministry

We hope to see you there!



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: hpraisy9899@gmail.com

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!

You can collect the tickets from:

Alison Aston, Anita Draper, Sarah Hibbert, Catherine Kendall, Szofia or email at: hoffice@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk

BARN DANCE

Saturday 18 April 2026

6:30 – 9:00PM

Baginton Road URC church hall

CV3 6FP

**Come and join the fun!
No previous experience needed**



**Tickets
£10 Adults;
£5 Students
children FREE**

Tickets from: Alison Aston, Anita Draper,
Sarah Hibbert, Catherine Kendall, Szofia or
email at: htoffice@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk

Soft Drinks provided: bring your own snacks and alcohol



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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



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.

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

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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