

May 2026

Date	Service/Event	Theme and/or Reading
Sunday 03 May	Morning Worship – 9.30am Easter 5	Preacher: Bishop Sophie Jelley 1 Pet 2:2-10
	Holy Communion – 11.15am Easter 5	Preacher: Bishop Sophie Jelley 1 Pet 2:2-10 / John 14:1-14
	Evensong– 5.00pm	Leader: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert Zech 4:1-10 / Reve 21:1-14
Wednesday 06 May	Holy Communion – 12 Noon Easter 5	Leader: Revd Rob Harrison Acts 7:55-end / John 14:1-14
Sunday 10 May	Morning Worship – 9.30am Easter 6	Preacher: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert 1 Pet 3:13-end
	Holy Communion – 11.15am Easter 6	Preacher: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert 1 Pet 3:13-end / John 14:15-21
	Evensong– 5.00pm	Leader: Pete Griffiths Zech 8:1-13 / Rev 21:22-22:5



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

[Holy Communion 11:15AM Service](#)

[Evensong - 5:00PM Service](#)

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To watch our live /recorded services, please subscribe to our YouTube channel: Holy Trinity Coventry.

For your prayers this week:

Give thanks for:

- Keri Husband, PCC Secretary, and all the service she offers to support key meetings: PCC, Standing Cttee, APCM.
- The ministry of our Sunday welcomers.
- The success of Coventry City FC, and pray for a peaceful and joyful celebration on Monday 4 May.

Pray for

- Bishop Sophie's visit to HTC to preach and preside this Sunday.
- Our Annual Meeting (Sunday 17 May) to be an encouraging time.
- Those being called to serve as Churchwarden, Deanery & PCC representatives.
- An increase in those willing to serve our young people (secondary school) with Thomas and the present team (Rob, Jackie, Jim, Kathryn)
- God's person to take on the role of PCC HR Officer (see advert).
- God's overruling of the City Council elections (7 May).
- Wisdom for City Council officers/staff, preparing for new/returning councillors.
- Generosity towards the cost of the IT screens, to be installed in the church
- Peace for a broken and divided world, and just and kindly governments to be established
- Support for this month's Mission Partner: Coventry Foodbank
- Those you know in need of healing, comfort, encouragement

Prayer for City Council Elections

Sovereign Lord, we give thanks that you reign supreme over all peoples and desire the peace and prosperity of all communities. Bless and overrule our City Council elections, that each elector may better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city, and the Gospel call to be faithful citizens in our community. Grant the people of Coventry to see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, and raise up for our City men and women whose hearts and minds are open to your wisdom, love and justice; in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

A word from Richard: [The Amazing List](#)

Organ Recital – Saturday 2 May, 1:00pm

Our Director of Music, Alex Norman, will give his annual organ recital with the theme *Music for the Easter Season*. The recital will last around 40 minutes. Admission is free, with donations welcome in support of the Organ Appeal. Do come along—and feel free to bring friends for a sociable lunchtime in town.



Holy Trinity Coventry
Free Saturday Lunchtime
Spring Recital Series 2026



Alex Norman

(Organ)

**Saturday May 2nd
at 1.00pm**

**Music for
Eastertide**

Free admission

Inspiring concerts given in a beautiful setting, raising funds
for the Holy Trinity Pipe Organ Appeal

Holy Trinity Church, Broadgate, Coventry, CV1 5EX
holytrinitycoventry.org.uk 02476 220418

Follow us on www.facebook.com/holytrinitycoventryorganappeal



Breeze Translate is Live!

Breeze Translate is a way for people to connect with the church service in their own language via a translation.

It translates the spoken word into most languages worldwide in real-time as the service is happening.

It's available every Sunday on services that are livestreamed starting this week **3rd May**.



There's no app to download, just connect via the QR code in the pews and select your chosen language.

Ascension Day Service – 14 May 2026 – 7.30pm

Our **Ascension Day service** on Thursday **14 May 2026** is held jointly with the Cathedral at **Holy Trinity Church** at **7:30pm**.

We warmly invite you and your friends/family to join us as we gather in worship, prayer, and reflection for this important day in the church's life and worship.

Annual Meeting – Sunday 17 May

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 at 10.45am. There are **vacancies for 4 PCC members and 5 Deanery Synod representatives.** 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.

We also **seeking a Church Warden** and if you want to find out more about what this involves, please speak to Richard or one of the Wardens.

New Feature: Miracle Stories

We're excited to introduce a new section in our newsletter called **"Miracle Stories."** Have you experienced a moment of hope, faith, or an unexpected blessing in your life?

We would love to hear about it. You are invited to share your short miracle stories with us, and each Friday we will feature one story in the newsletter.

All submissions will remain anonymous unless you would like your name to be included.

Your story could be a source of encouragement and inspiration to others in our community.

To submit your story, please email Rebeccaa at parishmanager@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk

We look forward to hearing from you! 😊

***** 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. Personal donations and PCC generosity have increased the funding, so that we now hold about **£47,000**. Total cost is £80,000. Can you prayerfully consider your donation to join those already given, so that we can reach our target quickly?

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

ADVERT

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 is 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 7602 2418).

Exploring Confirmation (completing your baptism or renewing faith again)

If you were baptised recently or baptised some time ago, even as an infant, Confirmation is a wonderful way to reaffirm your baptism faith with Bishop Sophie, who will pray for you to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

A group will start meeting soon for a few weeks, helpfully exploring our faith. If you are interested in considering this, please contact Revd Richard or Revd Carolyne.

Licensing Service – Revd Jo Ogjanovic

We are delighted to share the news that Revd Jo Ogjanovic, who worshipped with us until 2021, is to be licensed as Rector of the Benefice of Bugbrooke, Harpole, Kislingbury and Rothersthorpe.

Her licensing service will take place on:

Thursday 4th June at 7.30pm

St Michael's and All Angels Church

Church Lane, Bugbrooke, NN7 3RG

Revd Jo warmly invites all to support her on this special occasion.

If you are interested in going, please contact Catherine Kendall in the first instance, who will be happy to pass on further details.

Music for Eastertide

We are delighted to share two upcoming musical events at Holy Trinity:

‘Without Words ...’ – Wednesday 6 May

Part of the *Mostly Piano* series, this recital features Anthony Williams performing a programme of vocally inspired piano works, including music by Felix Mendelssohn, Franz Schubert (arr. Franz Liszt), and Gerald Finzi (arr. Madden).

The Mostly Piano concert series at Holy Trinity Church
presents the distinguished pianist

ANTHONY WILLIAMS



in
‘Without Words ...’
a programme of vocally-inspired piano solos,
including music by Mendelssohn, Schubert arr. Liszt
and Finzi arr. Madden

Wednesday 6 May, 1.15 pm at Holy Trinity Church, Coventry CV1
5EX

Free admission – donations on exit

All are warmly invited to enjoy these inspiring musical offerings during the Easter season.

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.



Thy Kingdom Come 2026 – Join the Journey

For the 11th year, from Ascension to Pentecost, we are invited to take part in *Thy Kingdom Come*. This year's theme, "**God with us,**" beautifully reflects our shared calling to *Walk Forward Together*.

Bishop Sophie Jelley encourages us this year to:

Go deeper

Set aside a little more time for prayer each day. Could you add five extra minutes, pray for a few more people, or establish a regular place and pattern of prayer? You might try something new—such as a prayer walk, quiet contemplation, or another practice God places on your heart.

Pray with others

If your church, school, or chaplaincy is planning an event, consider inviting others to join you. Shared prayer strengthens our community and widens our welcome.

- Join with YWAM (Youth with a Mission) and pray for the city and see God move during a time of Outreach
Saturday 23 May 9am start with prayer 10.30-1pm Outreach 2pm end (lunch included)
For more information contact Siby.

Be bold and expectant

We are reminded in the Bible that God is a loving Father who hears His children. Whatever you bring in prayer—big or small—do so with hope and expectation. As it says in Gospel of Luke 18:1: "*Keep on praying and never give up!*"

To hear more about this year's invitation and encouragement, watch Bishop Sophie's message here:

<https://www.coventry.anglican.org/your-faith/prayer/thy-kingdom-come-2026>

Let us come together in faith, prayer, and expectation as we seek God's presence and guidance in our lives and communities.

Mission focus: May 2026

A Rocha

A Rocha UK is a Christian charity working to protect and restore the natural world and committed to equipping Christians and churches in the UK to care for the environment. **Through caring for the earth and demonstrating the Christian hope for God's world,** A Rocha UK equips Christians and churches to protect and restore the environment –

for God, nature and all people. We aim to inspire individuals and families, equip churches and church leaders, build partnerships and manage land for nature and people. In the face of accelerating climate change and species loss, we need more than ever to take action to protect and care for nature today.

Holy Trinity Eco Church group – for more information and our links to A Rocha, please speak to Martin Trewinnard or Bill Johnson.

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

- Tinned fruit
- Tea Bags
- Instant Coffee
- Toiletries (Male/Female)
- Dry Noodles
- Biscuits
- Fruit Juice or Squash
- Tinned Vegetables

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.

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](#)

Every blessing to you,

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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