

# May 2026

<b>Date</b>	<b>Service/Event</b>	<b>Theme and/or Reading</b>
<b>Sunday 17 May</b>	Holy Communion – 9.30am Easter 7	Preacher: Simon Brake 1 Pet 4:12-14, 5:6-11 / John 17:1-11
	Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) - 10.45am	Leader: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert
	Evening Prayer– 5.00pm	Leader: Simon Brake 2Sam 23:1-5 / Eph 1:15-end
<b>Wednesday 20 May</b>	Holy Communion – 12 Noon Alcuin, deacon, abbot	Leader: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert Col 3:12-16 / John 4:19-24
<b>Sunday 24 May</b>	Holy Communion – 10.30am Pentecost	Preacher: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert 1 Cor 12:3b-13 / John 7:37-39
	Evening Prayer– 5.00pm	Leader: John Roy Num 11:24-30 / Acts 2:14-21



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

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

- God's goodness to Holy Trinity over the last year, as we hold our Annual Meeting
- For the grant of £7000 from Benefact Trust towards the IT Screens (more details below)

#### **Pray for**

- 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 persons to step forward to cook occasionally on a Tuesday evening, serving the Alpha Course, further discipleship, and The Way.
- Generosity towards the cost of the IT screens, to be installed in the church
- Bishop Sophie's busy month of June: interviewing for 2 Archdeacons, Dean of Coventry and Bishop of Warwick
- Peace for a broken and divided world, and just and kindly governments to be established
- Support for this month's Mission Partner: A Rocha
- Those you know in need of healing, comfort, encouragement

#### **A Prayer 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, and power to our witness. Help Holy Trinity to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our city, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**A word from Richard:** [Jesus ascends: what next?](#)

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#### **Annual Meeting – Sunday 17 May 2026, 10:45am**

Each Parish Church is required to hold:

- an **Annual Meeting of Parishioners**, at which Church Wardens are elected, and
- an **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)**, where the Parochial Church Council (PCC) presents reports on:
  - ✓ Electoral Roll changes
  - ✓ Church finances

- ✓ Building and fabric
- ✓ Activities of the Diocese and Deanery

New PCC members are also elected for a **3-year term** at the APCM.

**This year's meetings will take place on Sunday, 17 May at 10:45am.**

There are currently vacancies for:

- **4 PCC members**
- **5 Deanery Synod representatives**

For the PCC Nomination Form HTC 2026 – [Click Here](#)

If you are interested in standing for election, nomination forms are available on the Church website ([Click Here](#)) or via the PCC noticeboard. Descriptions of responsibilities and meeting dates are also provided.

We are also seeking a **Church Warden**. If you would like to learn more about this role, please speak to Richard or one of the current Wardens.

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## **Miracle Story of the Week**

*By Anonymous*

Over the past year, our family faced many uncertainties, but through every situation, God showed His faithfulness and perfect timing.

My wife was without a project from April 2025, and as we are on a Tier 2 visa in the UK, our stay depended on her employment. After months of unsuccessful interviews and even exit meetings, God made a way at the last moment — she was allocated to a project just one day before her final exit date.

At the same time, we were asked to vacate our house by July 31. With our visa situation uncertain, finding another home seemed impossible. But by God's grace, our landlord changed his decision and allowed us to continue staying.

I also faced the possibility of losing my driving license after receiving three speeding tickets. Through God's mercy and the right guidance, one offence was cancelled, I completed a course, and I was able to keep my license, which is very important for my work and family.

God also blessed us with our second baby boy, and by His grace, I completed my HGV license in November, helping me grow further in my career.

In every challenge, God made a way where there seemed to be none. His grace and timing were perfect in everything.

**All glory to God.**

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

All submissions will remain anonymous unless you would like your name to be included. We look forward to hearing from you! 😊

To submit your story, please email Rebecaa at [parishmanager@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk](mailto:parishmanager@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk)

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## 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

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

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In its 11th year, from Ascension to Pentecost, we are invited to join in **Thy Kingdom Come**, a global prayer movement across denominations to see God's Kingdom come.

You can engage in a variety of ways:

### 1. Go deeper

We have various booklets available for you which will be available at the back of church from Sunday 3 May. (you can preview here)

Choose one (or two!) and commit for 10 days, engaging with daily Scripture and/or reflective meditations or something else that you feel lead to. It might also prompt a new daily habit in you!

### 2. Pray with others and for others

Come together and pray.

#### • Pray4Five

Who are five people already in your life God is putting in your heart to pray for? Maybe they do not yet know Jesus or long to see him?

We are often encouraged to ‘talk to God about our friends before we tell our friends about God’ and be expectant to what God might do!

• **Book the prayer room (for yourself or with friends)**

- Monday 18 May - 3pm to 9pm
- Tuesday 19, Wed 20, Thursday 21 - 9am to 5pm
- Friday 22 - 10am to 3pm



Scan the QR Code or Click [here](#) to book!

• **Join with special rhythms of prayer in the prayer room**

- Monday 18 May - 12noon to 1.30pm (Prayer walking - Meet in Prayer Room)
- Tuesday 19 May and Thursday 21 May - 12noon (Midday prayer)

• **Join with YWAM (Youth with a Mission) and pray for the city and see God move during a time of Outreach. No experience required!**

Saturday 23 May:

- 9am to 10.30 - Prayer
- 10.30am to 1pm – Outreach
- 1pm to 2pm - Lunch time

For more information contact Siby at [sibynamkha@gmail.com](mailto:sibynamkha@gmail.com) More details below

**3. Be bold and expectant**

No matter how big or small the ‘ask’, pray with expectant hope that God will hear and answer.

‘Keep on praying and never give up!’ (Luke 18:1)

**4. Be encouraged in your faith and hear how prayer changes this nation**

This year the national 24-7 prayer gathering is happening in Birmingham.

- Friday 15th May 7-9pm
- Saturday 16th May 9.30am -9pm

It is a deep time of encouragement, teaching and testimonies on prayer and mission.

To learn more or book your ticket click [here](#).

For more information (or to commute together with those already going) contact Carlyne: [carolynepowell@holyltrinitycoventry.org.uk](mailto:carolynepowell@holyltrinitycoventry.org.uk)

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**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](mailto:sibynamkha@gmail.com)

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## **Gustav Mahler – Symphony No. 8 ("Symphony of a Thousand")**

### **Saturday, 16 May · 7:00 PM at Coventry Cathedral**

A once-in-a-lifetime musical experience comes to Warwickshire as the Leamington Sinfonia, conducted by Joe Davies, presents Mahler's monumental Symphony No. 8. Known as the "Symphony of a Thousand," this extraordinary work is one of the largest-scale choral symphonies ever composed.

The performance will bring together eight choirs, a full symphony orchestra, and an exceptional lineup of soloists, creating an unforgettable evening of sound and spectacle within the stunning setting of Coventry Cathedral.

Tickets are still available via [Ticket Source](#), but demand is high and the event is expected to sell out.

Early booking is strongly recommended to avoid disappointment!

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## **Services over half-term (24-31 May 2026)**

**Pentecost Sunday – 24 May @ 10.30am Holy Communion and 5pm Evening Prayer**

## **Trinity Sunday – 31 May @10.30am Holy Communion and 5pm Evensong**

Patronal Festival – celebrating being Holy Trinity Coventry

Bring & share lunch – from 12.30pm at Spencer Park (the lawn by the coffee shop – entrance via Dalton Road CV5 6PB) – bring your food plus enough for 2 more people, blanket or chair, games to enjoy, conversation with each other.

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### **UPDATE on TV display screens in church – Project cost: £80000**

#### **Grant of £7000 received from the Benefact Trust**

We have Diocesan permission to proceed, and have sought funding from grant-making bodies. The Benefact Trust is the last outstanding application and we are grateful for their support. We now have funding from:

Personal donations (past and present)	£ 13655
Grants received from Trusts	£ 12100
PCC grants from reserves	£ 10000
Legacy allocated by PCC	£ 10000
<b>Total received to date:</b>	<b>£ 55755</b>

Please pray for God to prompt those able to give generously to donate towards the final required sum.

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**

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### **A D V E R T**

#### **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](mailto:parishmanager@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk) – 024 7602 2418).

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#### **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.

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### **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.

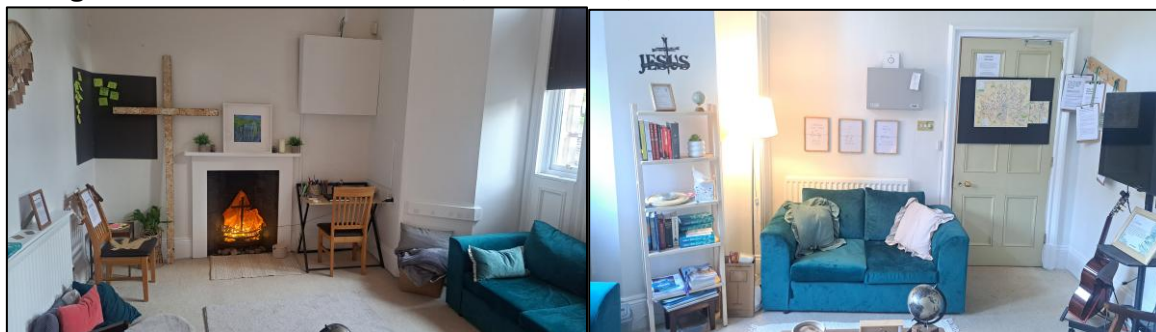
If you are interested in going, please contact Catherine Kendall in the first instance, who will be happy to pass on further details.

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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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### **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.

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**\*\*\* 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.

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Every blessing to you,

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Chaplain to the Freeman's Guild of Coventry  
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