

May 2026

Date	Service/Event	Theme and/or Reading
Sunday 24 May	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
Wednesday 27 May	Holy Communion – 12 Noon Pentecost	Leader: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert Acts 2:1-21 / John 20:19-23
Sunday 31 May	All Age Holy Communion – 10.30am Trinity Sunday	Preacher: Revd Rob Harrison 2 Cor 13:11-end / Matt 28:16-end (Incl. 3 x Baptisms and 7 x Admission of baptised children to Holy Communion)
	Holy Trinity Patronal Picnic 12.30pm to 3pm	Next to: Spencer Park café (entrance via Dalton Road, CV5 6PB)
	Evensong – 5.00pm	Leader: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert Isa 40:12-17, 27-end/ John 16:5-15



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For your prayers this week:

Give thanks for:

- God's Holy Spirit to strengthen and encourage you in your walk with Jesus
- For the generosity of church members towards the IT Screens (£19755 so far)
- Our encouraging Annual Meeting and signs of God at work amongst us
- For those elected as Churchwardens, Deanery and PCC representatives

Pray for

- God's persons to serve as:
 - our 4th Churchwarden
 - our PCC HR Officer (administrative role, not requiring HR expertise)
 - our youth team members under Thomas' leadership
 - our cooking team, serving meals at Sunday lunch and Tuesday evening
- IT screens, to be installed in the church, especially,
 - wisdom to evaluate the final price and specification between key church people and our preferred supplier
 - continuing generosity to provide all that is needed to install this summer.
- Bishop Sophie's busy month of June: interviewing for 2 Archdeacons, Dean of Coventry and Bishop of Warwick
- Coventry Council, seeking a way forward when no party has overall control
- Cllr Roger Bailey, our new Lord Mayor, desiring to emphasise Coventry's history and heritage in his Mayoral year
- People of Iran, longing for relief from their unpopular government
- People of the Middle East, longing for lasting peace and good relations between nations
- People of sub-Saharan Africa, longing for an end to religious and political violence, and relief from Ebola
- Support for this month's Mission Partner: A Rocha

- Those you know in need of healing, comfort, encouragement

A Prayer for Pentecost:

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour.

A word from Richard: [Dangerous Praying](#)

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 (“**No nuts in/with food**”) plus enough for 2 more people, blanket or chair, games to enjoy, conversation with each other.

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 Rebeccaa at parishmanager@holyltrinitycoventry.org.uk



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.

PCC Annual Meetings Reports for 2026

→ **Summary of Vicar's Report 2026**

2025 was a year of remarkable growth and spiritual vitality at Holy Trinity. Our six Values—Welcome, Warmth, Worship, Witness, Wealth and Walk—continue to shape our life together, and throughout the year we have seen them lived out in real stories of hospitality, care, deepening worship, new faith, generosity and discipleship. God is clearly at work among us.

Our ministry has been wide-reaching, with 212 services, extensive pastoral care, civic engagement and a growing cultural presence through the Aural Histories project and regular classical recitals. Mission partnerships at home and abroad have strengthened, reflecting our confidence as Coventry's historic parish church.

Looking ahead, major developments are progressing IT screens, a new pipe organ, west-end reordering, further musical collaborations and early steps toward an Urban Monastery. Challenges remain in finance and volunteering, yet the dedication of staff, wardens and volunteers inspires deep gratitude. We enter the coming year with hope, expectation and trust in God's continued leading.

→ **Results of Elections**

- **Churchwardens Elected:** Nehemiah Adkinyele, Paul Doggett, Jenny Williams
- **Lay Members Elected to the Deanery Synod:** Febin Desinghraj, Churchill Gnanaraj, Jane Hutton, Nick Jackson, John Roy
- **Lay Members Elected to the Parochial Church Council (PCC):** JoAnn Brake, Rachel Jackson, Michelle Kendall, Siby Moleakunnel, Brindly Sujith

→ **PCC Members 2026-27**

- **Clergy**
Vicar: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert
Associate Vicar: Revd Carolyne Powell
- **Churchwardens**
Outreach Warden: Paul Doggett
Pastoral & Safeguarding Warden: Jenny Williams
Buildings Warden: *Vacancy*
Finance Warden: Nehemiah Akinyele
- **PCC Officers**
Vice-Chair: Matthew Davies
Treasurer: Kathryn Hunter
Secretary: Keri Husband
Electoral Roll Officer: Rebecca Rajakumar
- **Representatives of the laity to the PCC**

Appointed until 2027: Mahima Bolledu, Mike Draper, Monica Theophilus, Amarachi Umah

Appointed until 2028: Peter Civzelis, Pam Hopkins, Dani Joyce, Michelle Kendall

Appointed until 2029: JoAnn Brake, Rachel Jackson, Siby Moleakunnel, Brindly Sujith

PCC Meeting – report from meeting 18 May 2026

The new PCC met, welcomed its new members and considered:

Safeguarding imperatives over the next year

PCC Away Day (20 June) where we will review two of our Values: Worship and Warmth

Current management accounts and financial giving v expenditure

Approved a new roof access ladder to north-east corner, to improve safety of access

Reviewed the volunteer roles presently unfilled

Reviewed the annual Statistics for Mission for HTC



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)**

- Friday 22 - 10am to 3pm



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

- **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 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)

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

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

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, and we are grateful for their support. We now have funding from:

Personal donations (past and present)	£ 19755
Grants received from Trusts	£ 12100
PCC grants from reserves	£ 20000
Legacy allocated by PCC	£ 10000
Total received to date:	£ 61855

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

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.

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.



Evangelism Today – Special Event

The Coventry Diocese Evangelical Fellowship warmly invites you to **“Evangelism Today”** on **Monday 15 June 2026**.

 **7:00 pm for 7:30 pm start**

 **St James Church, Styvechale, CV3 5BT**

This is a **free event**, and RSVP is encouraged.

Please scan the QR code in the poster to sign up.

Coventry Diocese Evangelical Fellowship invites you to

EVANGELISM TODAY

We're in a very different world to 20 years ago, even six years ago. Hints of a Quiet Revival, people looking for 'full fat Christianity', and yet still many not connected with Christian things. How do we go about evangelism in this context? We'll explore five shifts and have plenty of time to share best practice.

 MON 15 JUNE 2026  7 FOR 7.30 PM

 ST JAMES CHURCH, STYVECHALE, CV3 5BT



Free event, RSVP encouraged
<https://ceec.churchsuite.com/events/zesuhziw>



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.

Every blessing to you,

Revd Canon Richard Hibbert
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