

# July 2026

<i>Date</i>	<i>Service/Event</i>	<i>Theme and/or Reading</i>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>12 July</b> <b>6th Sunday after</b> <b>Trinity</b>	<b>Informal Worship –</b> <b>9.30am</b>	<b>Preacher: Wilfrid Kendall</b> <b>Rom 8:1-11</b> <i>with baptism of Zaiya</i>
	<b>Holy Communion –</b> <b>11.15am</b>	<b>Preacher: Wilfrid Kendall</b> <b>Rom 8:1-11 / Matt 13:1-9, 18-23</b> <i>with baptism of Suren</i>
	<b>Evensong–</b> <b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Leader: Simon Brake</b> <b>2Sam 7:18-end / Luke 20:1-8</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>15 July</b> <b>Swithun, bishop</b>	<b>Holy Communion –</b> <b>12 Noon</b>	<b>Leader: Revd Carolyne Powell</b> <b>James 5:7-11, 13-18 / Matt 11:25-end</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>19 July</b> <b>7th Sunday after</b> <b>Trinity</b>	<b>Informal Worship –</b> <b>9.30am</b>	<b>Preacher: Jim Kendall</b> <b>Rom 8:12-25</b> <i>with Mission Partner: HOPE Coventry</i>
	<b>Holy Communion –</b> <b>11.15am</b>	<b>Preacher: Jim Kendall</b> <b>Rom 8:12-25 / Matt 113:24-30, 36-43</b> <i>with Mission Partner: HOPE Coventry</i>
	<b>Evensong–</b> <b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Leader: Simon Brake</b> <b>1Kings 2:10-12, 3:16-end / Acts 4:1-22</b>



## **Summer services**

**Please note 10.30am Holy Communion and 5pm Evening Prayer begin from Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July until Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September.**

*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;*

[Holy Communion 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:**

- Nearly 1000 people attending City Praise & Prayer last Sunday
- The Scriptorium – a place of learning together for PhD students – in Trinity House and for Sally, is faithful convenor.
- The final specification and quotation for the IT screens is being presented to PCC for approval at its 20 July meeting.

#### **Pray for:**

- The Standing Cttee, meeting Monday 13 July, and the PCC, meeting 20 July, as they review the Away Day, approve the IT Screens quotation/specification, and review the architects' design for the re-ordering of the West End of the church.
- God's provision of people to serve as:
  - Manager (Urban Monastery) – pioneering the role of Trinity House as a centre of prayer, worship, learning and hospitality
  - Our fourth Churchwarden.
  - Our PCC HR Officer (an administrative role, not requiring HR expertise).
  - Secretary to the Finance Cttee, minuting meetings/liasing with the Treasurer
- Smooth Installation of long-awaited IT screens for the church, especially:
  - Continued generosity to cover the full cost.
  - Teams trained in Livestream, Worship Presenter, PA.

- Ongoing mission and ministry at HTC:
  - Baptism of 2 children this Sunday 12 July, and their families.
  - Confirmation of 4 adults (25 July – 7.30pm) @ St Thomas, Keresley (Anastasia, Brianna, Sophie, Tracy)
- Church of England General Synod (10-14 July), meeting to discuss many issues (agenda and papers can be read [here](#))
- Iran and the wider Middle East to know true and lasting peace and goodwill
- Ukraine and other countries facing conflict, displacement, humanitarian need, danger, injustice, and need for lasting justice and peace.
- This month's Mission Partner – HOPE Coventry (interdenominational grouping of churches serving and praying for the people of Coventry):
  - Funding applications made to support the wider ministry
  - Memory Lane dementia groups, wisdom for future approach
  - New CAP (Christians against Poverty) Coventry leader, Nadine.
  - Ways to support wellbeing for leaders, for congregations, and wider public who visit.
  - Great Gospel Giveaway project expanding across further areas of the city.
- Those in need of healing, comfort, encouragement, strength, or God's peace.
- Those experiencing loneliness, bereavement, anxiety, or uncertainty.

### **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.

### **A Prayer for the Church of England (as General synod meets this weekend)**

Lord Jesus Christ, Head of the universal church, without whom nothing is true, and nothing is holy, we pray for Your blessing and protection on our life and witness as the Church of England. Direct and fill all who lead with Your Holy Spirit, sustain and equip the local church with the gifts of Your Spirit and enable us all to reveal in our way of life the fruit of Your Spirit, that we may love what You command and desire what You promise, to the glory of God the Father.

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**A word from Richard:** [Worship - every day, every way](#)

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## CONGRATULATIONS to Thomas



Our beloved Thomas was among those selected to represent the Diocese at Recognise 2026 – recognising the good ministry of children and youth workers, paid and voluntary – Thomas was invited by Archbishop Sarah to an Afternoon Tea reception at Lambeth Palace. Two others went from the Diocese of Coventry.

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### We're Recruiting – Part-Time Role at Trinity House

#### Manager: Urban Monastery

**Part-time (20 hours/week)** role at Trinity House. If you're an organised, enthusiastic Christian with a passion for hospitality, community, and mission, we'd love to hear from you.

Please see the attached advert for details. **Application deadline: 20 July 2026.**



**A CENTRE FOR DEVELOPING  
MONASTIC RHYTHMS**

EVENTS AND HOSPITALITY

EDUCATION AND LEARNING

MISSION AND JUSTICE

**WE ARE  
RECRUITING  
(P/T JOB)**

**HTC**

Are you looking for an exciting opportunity to help build a place for events and hospitality, a place for education and learning, and for mission and justice?

Trinity House (the historic Old Blue Coats School in the heart of the city centre) is looking for someone energetic, organised, entrepreneurial and excited to see God move. (20h/week)

You will work closely with the Associate Vicar and Vicar and have the opportunity to shape and grow Trinity House as an Urban Monastery.

You will be able to work on all elements of this exciting project, including

- Customer service
- Marketing
- Building management
- Finance management
- Prayer and community

This role requires an Enhanced Disclosure from DBS and has an occupational requirement to be filled by a committed Christian, active in church life. Equality Act 2010, Part 1, Schedule 9 applies.

**For full Job Description and Person Specification**

**Contact Rev Carolyn Powell**

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

**Application deadline 20/07/2026**

**Interview date 25/07/2026**

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**✦ Miracle Story ✦**

(Here's a testimony story inspired by **Gospel of Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23**)

**From Broken Ground to Good Soil**

*by Anonymous*

If you had met me a few years ago, you would have seen someone smiling on the outside but falling apart on the inside. I carried pain that no one knew about. I felt rejected, disappointed, and exhausted from trying to prove that I was enough. I believed in God, but I kept Him at a distance because I thought He couldn't possibly love someone like me.

I heard God's Word many times, but it never seemed to change me. Every encouraging message I received was quickly replaced by fear, anxiety, and the lies that whispered, "You'll never be good enough." I was like the seed that fell on the path. Before hope could grow, doubt would steal it away.

Then there were moments when I felt close to God. I would leave church inspired and promise Him that I would never go back to my old life. But when hardship came, I questioned everything. One painful situation after another made me wonder if God had forgotten me. My faith had no deep roots, and I found myself giving up again and again.

As time passed, the worries of life became louder than the voice of God. Financial pressure, family problems, disappointment, and fear of the future wrapped around my heart like thorns. Even though I wanted to follow Jesus, I was suffocating under the weight of everything I was trying to carry on my own.

One night, after crying until I had no tears left, I knelt beside my bed and prayed the simplest prayer I had ever spoken.

"God... I can't fix myself anymore. If You're still willing to have me, I'm giving You what's left of my life."

I expected silence.

Instead, I found peace.

Not because all my problems disappeared overnight, but because, for the first time, I knew I wasn't facing them alone. God didn't reject my brokenness. He met me in it. He began healing wounds I had hidden for years. He taught me that my value wasn't found in people's approval but in His love.

Little by little, my heart began to change. His Word stopped being something I simply heard on Sundays and became something I lived every day. When fear told me to quit, His promises gave me courage. When pain reminded me of my past, His grace reminded me of my future. When life tried to choke my faith, God kept pulling out the thorns one by one.

Today, I still face challenges. I still have days when I struggle. But I no longer face them with an empty heart. The seed that God planted has taken root. What once grew fear now grows faith. What once grew bitterness now grows forgiveness. What once grew hopelessness now grows peace.

Jesus' parable reminds me that the difference was never the seed. The seed—God's Word—was always good. The difference was the condition of my heart.




God took the hard, wounded, thorn-filled ground of my life and, through His mercy, turned it into good soil.






If He could do that for me, He can do it for anyone.

My testimony is not that I found God. It's that He never stopped reaching for me, even when I kept walking away. And because He never gave up on me, I now live with hope, knowing that the same God who planted His Word in my heart will continue to make it bear fruit for His glory.

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## Faith at Home: A Baby in a Basket, Moses!

Hey, families!  Welcome back to our weekly space to connect and dive into the Bible together.  Whether you watch this video together on the couch or let the kids check it out during a quiet moment, it's a spectacular way to see God's power in action! 

This week, we are continuing the story of Moses in the Book of Exodus . Moses returns to Egypt with a big message from God for the Pharaoh: "*Let my people go!*" Even though Pharaoh's heart is stubborn and hard,  God shows that He is the one true God by sending plagues and ultimately making a miraculous way for His People to escape to freedom!  Sometimes we face difficult or stubborn problems that seem impossible to beat.  But just like the Israelites found out, when we put our trust in God, He can make a way through absolutely anything! 

Click the link below to watch this awesome animate video:

[Moses and the Exodus | Stories of the Bible - YouTube](#)

*Enjoy the video and have a wonderfully blessed week!* 

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## Future HTC services and events

### July

#### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

The Julian Meeting - At the Peace Chapel, Holy trinity Coventry, from 1:15 PM to 2:15 PM.

You are warmly invited to join this special time of fellowship, reflection, and prayer as we gather together as a church family. We will take time to pause in God's presence, seek His guidance, and lift our hearts in prayer for one another, our community, and the world around us.

#### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July

1pm – Concert by Blue Coat School alumni choir

7.30pm – Confirmation service at St Thomas, Keresley (all welcome to support our 4 candidates)

## **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July**

10.30am – Choral Holy Communion with Blue Coat School alumni choir

5pm – Choral Evensong with Blue Coat School alumni choir

## **August**

### **2nd August 2026 - Church Family Picnic**

We are so excited to invite you and your family to our upcoming Church Family Picnic on Sunday, August 2nd!

There is nothing quite like sharing a meal, good conversation, and plenty of laughs with our church community.

#### **The Details:**

**When:** Sunday, 2nd August – immediately following the morning church service.

**Where:** Spencer Park

**What to Bring:** Bring your own picnic lunch, some comfy lawn chairs or a blanket, and your favourite outdoor games.

No need to RSVP, just show up ready for a wonderful afternoon together. We can't wait to fellowship with you!

### **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August - Quiet Day: Time away with God**

Revd Richard is hosting a Quiet Day/Retreat Day for anyone from HTC, who would like to join him. During our time together, there will be Biblical reflections to prepare our hearts, interspaced with times of silence, prayer or small group conversation, as you wish.



Depart HTC at 9am, return HTC by 6pm.

Venue: House of Bread, Burmington, Shipton-on-Stour CV36 5AF – a beautiful former mill in quiet countryside. Bring your own lunch – water and tea/coffee provided.

*Retreat is ...*

*setting apart time to be with God*

*space to rest in quietness and solitude and find healing for your soul*

*being still and listening*

*time to receive emotional renewal and spiritual nourishment*

*time to reflect and be envisioned*

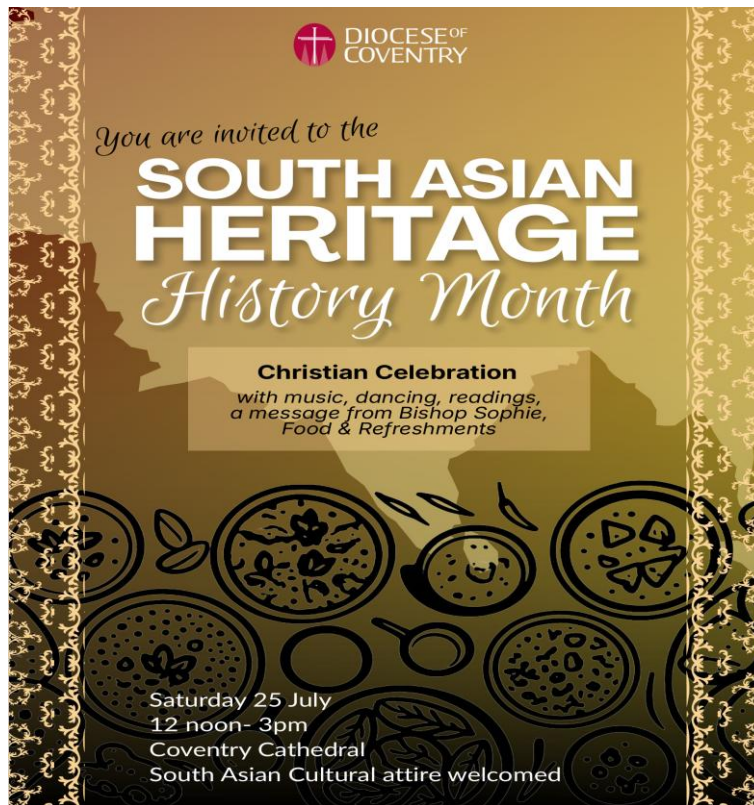
Donations invited. If you can offer a lift, please let Revd Richard know.

To register your place, email: [richardhibbert@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk](mailto:richardhibbert@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk) or message 07385 641166

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### **South Asian Heritage History Month**

Join this special gathering to honour the rich cultural, spiritual and historical contributions of the South Asian Christian communities within our diocese and beyond, joining together in fellowship, deepening our understanding of diverse traditions and reaffirming our shared commitment to inclusion and unity within the Church.



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## ADVERT

**Role 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 7622 0418).

### **Secretary to Finance Committee**

- ability to take minutes, organise meetings, email paperwork, liaising with the Treasurer and Vicar, as required.

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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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## 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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## **UPDATE on TV display screens in church – Project cost: £74,000 (revised figure)**

We have Diocesan permission to proceed. We have agreed the specification with our preferred supplier, Novum. We have funding from:

Personal donations (past and present)	£ 26,415
Grants received from Trusts	£ 12,100
PCC grants from reserves	£ 20,000
Legacy allocated by PCC	£ 10,000
<b>Total received to date (30 June 2026)</b>	<b>£ 68,515</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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## **Young Reconcilers' International Gathering 2026**

Young adults aged 18–25 are invited to the Young Reconcilers' International Gathering at Coventry Cathedral from **4–7 August 2026**.

Join young people from across Europe for worship, learning, discussion, and fellowship.



**Registration fee:** £120 per person (non-residential). *“Change yourself, change the world.”*

**Registration & Information:** Please see the event flyer for details and sign-up information.

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### Mission Focus July 2026: Hope Coventry



Hope has coordinated inter-church activities within Coventry since 2008. For example, they run regular citywide ‘Praise and Prayer’ events (e.g. at Moto fest); and they support ‘Healing prayer on the streets’, and the Coventry House of Prayer. They run a local befriending service, known as ‘Good Neighbours’, **which is looking for new volunteers** to befriend elderly or lonely people.

They also bring church and Christian leaders in the city together twice a year for ‘Leaders’ Lunches’ and are a channel of communication between Coventry churches.

They provide information to signpost people to appropriate agencies in time of need, e.g. working closely with the Coventry branch of 'Christians against Poverty'.

For more information go to: <https://hopecoventry.org.uk>.

There will be a presentation about their work in our morning services on July 19th.

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**\*\*\* NEW \*\*\* Coventry Foodbank – urgent needs for July 2026:**

- **Tinned Foods:** Tinned fruit, vegetables, potatoes, and fish
- **Pantry Staples:** Instant mash potato, rice, and dry noodles
- **Condiments & Spreads:** Jam
- **Drinks & Beverages:** Instant coffee, tea bags, and long-life squash/fruit juice
- **Toiletries:** Deodorant, shampoo, and female/male hygiene products
- **Other Essentials:** UHT long-life milk

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,

Revd Canon Richard Hibbert  
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Chaplain to the Freeman's Guild of Coventry  
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