

July 2026

Date	Service/Event	Theme and/or Reading
Sunday 26 July 8th Sunday after Trinity	All Age Holy Communion – 10.30am	Preacher: Revd Carolyn Powell Rom 8:26-end / Matt 13:31-33, 44-52 <i>with Blue Coat Alumni Choir</i>
	Evensong– 5.00pm	Leader: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert 1 Kings 6:11-14, 23-end / Acts 12:1-17 <i>with Blue Coat Alumni Choir</i>
Wednesday 29 July Mary, Martha and Lazarus	Holy Communion – 12 Noon	Leader: Revd John Price Heb 2:10-15/ John 12:1-8
Friday 31 July	Evensong– 4.00pm	Thames Philharmonic Choir at Holy Trinity and Cathedral Clergy
Sunday 02 August 9th Sunday after Trinity	All Age Holy Communion – 10.30am	Preacher: Nick Jackson Rom 9:1-8 / Matt 14:13-21
	Evening Prayer– 5.00pm	Leader: John Roy 1 Kings 10:1-13 / Acts 13:1-13



Summer services

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

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Welcome to Blue Coat School Choir Alumni

This weekend we welcome back **Blue Coat School Choir Alumni**, singing throughout the weekend:



Saturday – 1.00pm: Recital entitled 'The Church's Year'

Vocal and instrumental music reflecting the church's seasons from Advent to Easter. The varied programme will also feature solos by Blue Coat Alumni **Faith McGrattan** (Clarinet), **Yejin Lee** (Flute) and **Sydney Suffield** (Soprano). Admission Free, donations invited for the Pipe Organ Appeal.

Sunday 10.30am Choral Eucharist and 5pm Choral Evensong

For your prayers this week:

Give thanks for:

- The final specification and quotation for the IT screens approved by PCC
- Funding for IT screens (excl. 'tech desk') has been received from PCC, grants and personal donations.
- Blue Coat Church of England School, and its foundation by Holy Trinity and continuing strong links, and the alumni choir leading our sung worship (26 July).

Pray for:

- The IT Screens to be smoothly and effectively installed.
- The architects' outline design for the re-ordering of the church West End to be welcomed by the DAC (Diocesan planning permission).
- **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 (interviews 25 July).
 - Our fourth Churchwarden.
 - Our PCC HR Officer (an administrative role, not requiring HR expertise).
 - Secretary to the Finance Cttee, minuting meetings/liaising with the Treasurer
- **Ongoing mission and ministry at HTC:**
 - Confirmation of 4 adults (Saturday 25 July – 7.30pm) @ St Thomas, Keresley (Anastasia, Brianna, Sophie, Tracy)
 - Provision of appropriate hires and income for Trinity House.
 - Revd Carolyne's and PCC's desire to facilitate an Urban Monastery of prayer, worship, learning, hospitality.
 - Retreat Day/Quiet Day (Saturday 15 August) to offer a sense of the presence and voice of God to those attending (see notice below)
- **Students, graduates, and newcomers:**
 - Those completing dissertations, searching for employment, and those newly arrived in our church and community
 - Support, friendship, opportunities to flourish, and confidence in God's leading.

- **Iran, Israel, Gaza, and the wider Middle East** – that violence would cease, and leaders pursue peace, justice, and reconciliation.
- **Ukraine, Sudan, Myanmar, and all countries affected by conflict and crisis** – for those facing war, displacement, humanitarian need, danger, persecution, and injustice.
- **Those mourning the death of a loved one:**
 - The family of Barbara Berry (mother to Heather Norman, grandmother to Alex Norman).

A Prayer for Holy Trinity: our Ministry and Mission:

Gracious God, you call Holy Trinity to be a light in this city and a sign of your love in the world. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, that we may be faithful in worship, courageous in witness, and generous in service. Guide our leaders with wisdom, strengthen our congregation in unity, and open our hearts to welcome all whom you are drawing to yourself. May our ministry bear fruit in lives transformed, communities renewed, and your kingdom made known among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Richard's video for this week: [Retreating takes you forward](#)

Refreshments in church

As part of our values of Warmth and Welcome, we love to offer refreshments after the morning service. We have a large congregation, and we thank all those of you who contribute biscuits and cakes for us to enjoy.

A couple of practical matters to bear in mind:

1. **Please note that we need to comply with Coventry City Council Food Safety Regulations as follows:**

*Please retain all commercial wrappers for information;

*Please supply a label listing the ingredients in home-made cakes, and as appropriate 'gluten free', 'lactose free' etc.

2. **Last but not least!**

Please help our refreshment team by placing your cakes on the table ready sliced up and covered on a tray/plate or in a tin, i.e. ready to eat.

Thank you for your understanding and generosity- it is much appreciated by all our church family.

A D V E R T
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 are 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 7622 0418).

Secretary to Finance Committee

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

PCC news – from 20 July meeting

Considered the outline plans for the redevelopment of the refreshment, welcome, tech, and storage at the west end of the church, and improved accessibility access and seating. PCC approved outline plans to be submitted informally to DAC (Diocesan approval) before further design work undertaken.

IT Screens final specification and quotation was approved, and thanksgiving offered that the required funding has been sourced.

Confirmed their commitment to the funding of the Associate Vicar role (Revd Carolyne) for the next 3 years (2026-29), though expressed concern at the adverse impact on PCC reserves if stewardship income is not increased.

Received an update on the vision for Trinity House and Urban Monastery: a place shaped by monastic rhythms of prayer and learning, events and hospitality, justice and mission.

Received the management accounts to June 2026, updated the banking mandate and investment account holders.

Reaffirmed the PCC's Domestic Abuse Policy

✦ Miracle Story ✦

(Here's a testimony story inspired by **Matt 13:31-33, 44-52**)

Finding the Greatest Treasure

By Nick Vujicic

Nick Vujicic was born in Australia in 1982 with a rare condition called tetra-amelia syndrome, leaving him without arms and legs. Although raised in a Christian family, Nick struggled to understand why God would allow him to be born this way. He endured bullying, loneliness, and deep depression during his childhood. At the age of 10, he even attempted to take his own life, believing that he would never have a meaningful future.

As he grew older, Nick began to discover God's purpose through Scripture and the encouragement of his family. A turning point came when he realized that God loved him unconditionally and could use his life despite his physical limitations. Instead of asking, "Why me?" he began asking, "How can God use me?" That change in perspective transformed his life.

Nick started by sharing his testimony with a small group at his school. What seemed like a small act of faith grew into a worldwide ministry. Today, he has spoken to millions of people in more than 70 countries, sharing the message of hope found in Jesus Christ. Through his ministry, *Life Without Limbs*, he encourages people to trust God, overcome despair, and discover their God-given purpose.

Nick often says that while he may not have the life he expected, he has found something far greater: a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, who gives hope, purpose, and eternal joy. His story reminds us that when we find the treasure of God's Kingdom, we discover a joy that no earthly circumstance can take away.

If you'd also like to hear Nick share his testimony in his own words, you can watch it here: [His Story](#)

Future HTC services and events

August

2nd August 2026 - Church Family Picnic

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 15th 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

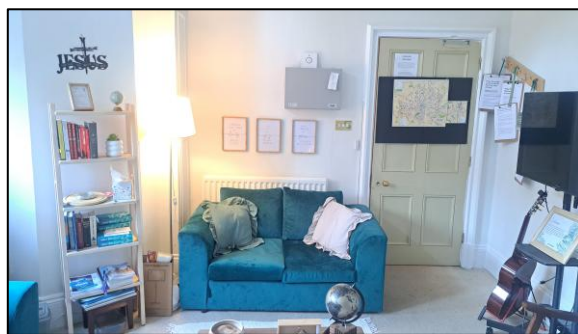
Donations invited. If you can offer a lift, please let Revd Richard know.

To register your place, email: richardhibbert@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk or message 07385 641166

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.



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

Volunteers needed for Clothing Coventry

(helping sort out uniforms for families who cannot afford to buy new ones)



Monday 10th August – Friday 28th August (weekdays only)



Queens Road Baptist Church, CV1 3FE

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🕒 Volunteer sessions:

- 9:30am – 1:00pm
- 12:00pm – 3:30pm
- Full day: 9:30am – 3:30pm (with a break in between)

For more information:

<https://clothingcoventry.org/uniform-volunteer-information/>

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.

***** 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.

Every blessing to you,

Revd Canon Richard Hibbert
Vicar, Holy Trinity Coventry

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