November 2026

Date	Service/Event	Theme and/or Reading
1st Sunday of Advent Sunday 29 November	Morning Worship Holy Communion – 9.30am	Preacher: Catherine Kendall Isa 64:1-9
	Holy Communion – 11.15am	Preacher: Catherine Kendall Isa 64:1-9 / Mark 13:24-end
	Advent Carol Service - From Darkness to Light – 6.00pm	Preacher: Revd Carolyne Powell Jeremiah 23:5-6; Isaiah 60:1-3,18-20; Micah 4:1-5; Psalm 118:19-29 / John 3:16-21
Wednesday 2 December	Holy Communion – 12 Noon Advent 1	Preacher: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert 1 Cor 1:3-9 / Mark 13:24-end
2nd Sunday of Advent Sunday 6 December	Morning Worship Holy Communion – 9.30am	Preacher: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert 2 Peter 3:8-15a
	Holy Communion – 11.15am	Preacher: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert 2 Peter 3:8-15a / Mark 1:1-8
	Evensong – 5.00pm	Leader: Pete Griffith 1Kings 22:1-28 / 2 Pet 3:8-15a



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

For your prayers this week

Pray for:

- Your own Advent expectation of hope, joy and peace, as you look forward to Christmas, and to the Return of our Lord Jesus Christ – *Maranatha*, come Lord Jesus.
- The people of Coventry to desire to attend a Carol Service this season.
- Those who have received a Gospel of Luke, or GNE Testament recently, to meet with our Lord and be drawn to Him.
- Each of our Christmas carol services to be filled with the Good News of a Saviour born to us.
- Each Christmas event at HTC to touch people with the hope of Christmas.
- Those Christians under persecution around the world to know time and space to celebrate the Incarnation and proclaim the message of the Angels.
- Bishop Sophie's desire to lead our Diocese in a year of prayer to be enacted across all our Anglican parishes.
- World leaders and nations, that power may be used for peace, justice, and the common good, especially our own Prime Minister and Government.
- For the earth, that we may care for creation, steward better its resources and protect life for future generations.
- Those known to you who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, that they may find comfort, healing, and hope in Christ's kingdom.

Prayer of Advent Sunday

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal. Amen.

Richard's video for the week: Maranatha

Darkness to Light Service – Sunday 29th November @ 6pm

Your role: Donating mince pies to serve our guests

We offer refreshments and a warm welcome to everyone attending. If you are able to help by donating some mince pies, we would be most grateful. Your generosity will help us make the occasion extra special.

Mince pies can be dropped off at the Church Office during the week, between 10.00am and 3.00pm, or brought along **on Sunday 22nd or Sunday 29th November** and left at the back of the church with our welcomers.

Thank you so much for your kindness and support!

Christmas Services and events

CHRISTMAS FLYER DELIVERY – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Christmas flyers will be available at the back of the church from this week.

We invite members of the congregation to collect a bundle and help distribute the flyers to homes across our parish, spreading the word about our Christmas services and celebrations.

Your help in reaching our local community and sharing the joy of Christmas would be greatly appreciated.

A SMALL NOTE: Once you have completed your delivery, please provide your feedback on the back of the Slip and hand it in to the Welcomers' Desk.
Thank you for your support!





Important Note: The Gabrieli Roar Christmas Concert is at Cathedral at 7.00pm (not at HTC).

Prayer Hour

Monday 7th December – 7.30pm

Praying for the world, our nation, church and community, at the home of Revd Richard (Bishops Walk, CV5 6RE).

All are welcome to join us.

Be Part of Church Life at HTC!

Holy Trinity Coventry is blessed by the many people who give their time, gifts and skills to support our church family and community.

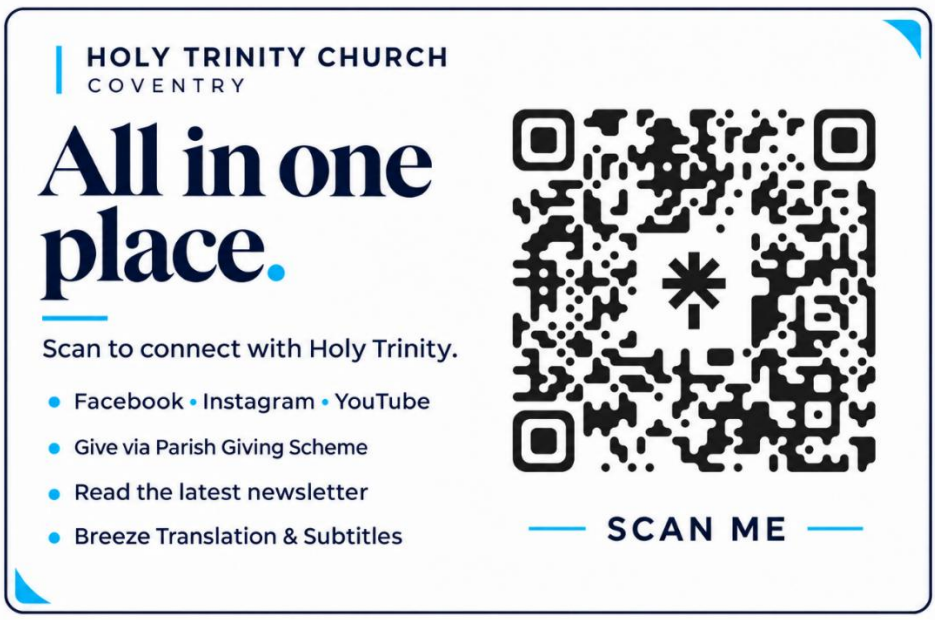
Would you like to get involved? Whether it's welcoming, hospitality, children's ministry, music, gardening or helping behind the scenes, there are lots of ways to make a difference!

No experience is needed for most roles, and training can be provided. Whether you're new to HTC or have been with us for years, we'd love to hear from you.

Interested? Please complete our short expression of interest form below. There's no commitment – just an opportunity to explore how you might get involved!

Register your interest here – Be Part of Church Life at HTC! (https://forms.gle/BSZ5fBjSk6tQ7rd87)

Every contribution, big or small, makes a difference. Thank you!



Vote for Dani Joyce!



Dani Joyce has been nominated for a West Midlands Award! Let's show our support – voting takes just a few seconds.

Cast your vote today and help Dani win!

VOTE HERE - closes Saturday 28 November.

Thank you for your support!

Welcome to the **New Dean of Coventry, Very Revd Andrew Dodd**
Coventry Cathedral
Saturday 28th November at 2pm
Bishop Sophie invites all church members across the diocese to this service of welcome and installation of the new Dean of Coventry.

A Concert for Christmas



Join the Rotary Club of Coventry for an evening of festive music right here at Holy Trinity Church.

- **When:** Saturday, 12 December 2026 at 7:00 pm
- **Where:** Holy Trinity Church, Coventry (CV1 5EX)
- **Featuring:** Silver Lining Chorus, Coventry Orchestra Jazz Ensemble, and the Ukuholics Ukulele Band
- **Tickets:** £10 (Under 16s go free)

To book your tickets, please scan the QR code on the event poster or contact a member of the Rotary Club of Coventry. Everyone is warmly welcome!

Christmas Tree Festival



Come and enjoy the festive displays at the Rotary Club of Coventry's Christmas Tree Festival, hosted right here at Holy Trinity Church.

- **Dates:** Friday, 5 December – Friday, 25 December 2026
- **Opening Times:** Wednesday to Saturday, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm daily
- **Location:** Holy Trinity Church, Coventry

For more details or to make a donation, please scan the QR code on the festival poster. All are warmly welcome to come and visit!

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH 2026

Share the Good News of Jesus this Christmas!

Would you like to be part of sharing the love of Jesus with people in Coventry this Christmas?

We are delighted to invite you to join us for a special Christmas outreach in partnership with **Good News for Everyone (GNFE), Youth With A Mission (YWAM), and other Christian partners**.

This is a wonderful opportunity to reach out to our local community, share the message of hope, and make the love and good news of Jesus known this Christmas.

🗓️ Dates and Times

Saturday, 5th December 2026

- Session 1: 10:00 am – 11:30 am
- Session 2: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Saturday, 12th December 2026

- Session 1: 10:00 am – 11:30 am
- Session 2: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Thursday, 17th December 2026

- Session 1: 10:00 am – 11:30 am
- Session 2: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

You are welcome to join either one or both sessions on any of the dates.

💙 Everyone is Welcome!

No previous experience is needed! A short orientation will be provided, and you will be supported by experienced team members throughout the outreach.

📞 Interested in Taking Part?

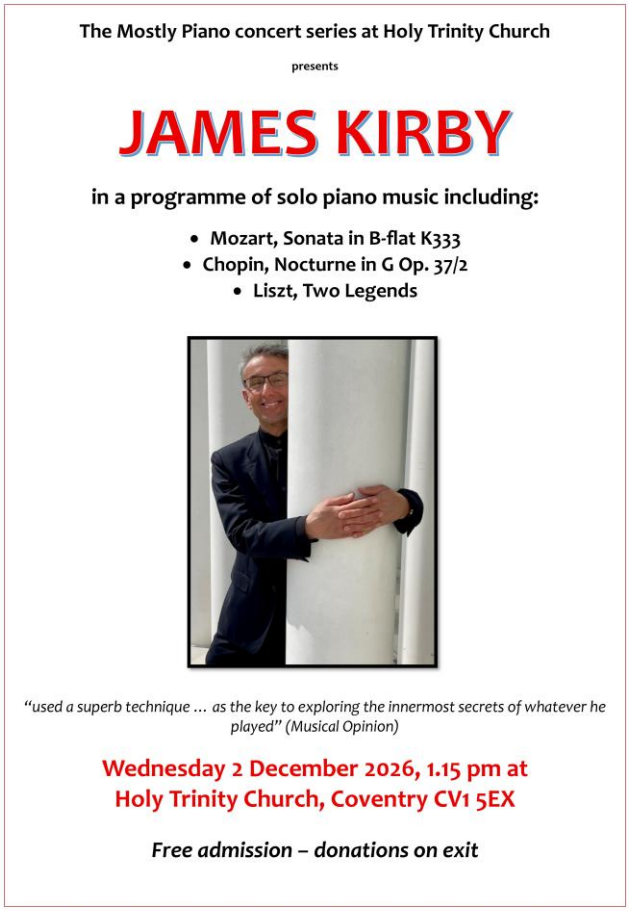
Please contact **Siby on 07724 023389** to sign up or for further information.

☕ **Refreshments will be provided at 1:00 pm.**

Let's come together as a church family to share the greatest gift of all — Jesus Christ!

Come and help make Jesus known in Coventry this Christmas!

Future HTC services and events



Final recital of 2026

Wednesday December 2nd at 1.15pm

We welcome back to Holy Trinity the distinguished pianist and teacher, James Kirby.

James enjoys a rich and varied career as a solo pianist, chamber musician, teacher and educator and has appeared as concerto soloist with orchestras including the English and Scottish Chamber Orchestras and the Moscow Symphony Orchestra.

James is a dedicated teacher and holds positions at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, Royal Holloway, University of London and Eton College. He gives Masterclasses, serves on Juries of International Piano Competitions and is in considerable demand as an Adjudicator.

Free admission, donations welcome for the Pipe Organ Appeal.

Holy Trinity Coventry Recitals in 2026/2027

2026

Dec 2 James Kirby (Piano)

2027

Jan 30 Chamber Delights (Annette Ball & friends)

Feb 3 Alex Merritt (Saxophone) and Rebecca Nash (Jazz Piano)

Mar 3 Amit Yahav (piano)

Mar 6 (3.00 pm) Heart of England Cooperative Concert Orchestra

Mar 13 John Wilderspin (organ)

April 7 Sydney Suffield (Soprano) and Julian Hellaby (Piano)

Apr 24 Tim Campain (Organ)

May 5 Johanna Summer (improvising pianist)

May 8 Dominic Downs (Piano)

22 Ravensdale School Choirs (Director: Wendy Russell)

June 2 Olga Stehzko (Piano)

July 7 Viv McClean (Piano)

Oct 16 Laura Cope and Rosemary Robinson

Julian Meeting at Holy Trinity

1.00pm to 2pm – every 4th Wednesday of the month

(25 November, 23 December, 27 January and 24 February)

WHAT IS A JULIAN MEETING? Julian of Norwich was a woman who lived at the end of the fourteenth century in Norwich. When she was about 30 years old, she almost died and in what were thought to be her last moments she had a series of visions of Jesus on the cross. She didn't die; instead, she became an anchoress – living a life of silence and prayer in a room attached to the church of St Julian in Norwich – and wrote down what she had seen and learnt about God. Her 'Revelations of Divine Love' is the first book known to have been written in English by a woman. It gives a wonderful picture of God's love and is still widely read.

In the 20th century, a group of people began to come together to pray – not in words but in silence. They took the name of Julian Meetings to remember Julian's life of silent prayer, and it is the silence which is the hallmark of this way of praying. There are Julian groups in many parts of Britain and overseas. They meet as a small group – usually not more than 10 people sitting together for half an hour in silence, giving time to God. Someone is timekeeper, starting and ending the silence with a short prayer, reading or piece of music. There is time before and after to greet each other, but it is the silence together that is the hallmark of a Julian Meeting. It has a special feel of its own, as you are held in God's hands, giving him space to be with you.

You are very welcome to join the Holy Trinity Julian Meeting. If you would like to know more about Julian Meetings, email Kate Hughes on kate879@btinternet.com

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Coffee Tots Christmas Appeal – A Little Kindness Makes a Big Christmas



This Christmas, we have an opportunity to share God's love by supporting the **Coffee Tots Christmas Appeal**.

We are inviting everyone to donate a small gift, contribute towards a Christmas dinner, or provide store cupboard food supplies to help families in need enjoy a special Christmas.

All donations are welcome by **4th December**.

For more information or to donate, visit **www.coffeetots.co.uk/support-us**.

Let's come together to spread kindness, bring joy and make a difference to families in our community.

Every little gift makes a big difference. Thank you for your generosity!

Mission focus (November 2026)



The Light House Christian Care Ministry was founded by Coventry Christians in 1986, to provide counselling for people from across the region, aiming for it to be affordable even for those with limited financial means.
They provide a safe, non-judgemental space of acceptance and empathetic understanding for those over 18 years of age, with a team of professional staff counsellors and associate volunteer counsellors. They train student counsellors, and also have volunteers doing admin, fundraising, or practical tasks around their base in Ball Hill. They help people with anxiety, stress, depression, attempted suicide, relationship difficulties, bereavement, addictions, and those with a history of abuse. We find a good take-up of their leaflets from the Jesus Chapel in HTC, where people in distress often spend time in prayer. Our financial support for them has enabled them to continue to operate in challenging times.

A representative from The Light House will be with us for our morning services on November 15th.

For further information, see: https://lighthousechristiancare.co.uk

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Coventry Foodbank – urgent needs for November 2026:

Urgent Food Items Needed

- **Tinned Potatoes & Instant Mash**
- **Cooking Sauces** (e.g., jarred pasta or curry sauces)
- **Tinned Fruit & Tinned Fish / Tomatoes**
- **Rice, Dry Noodles & Jam**
- **UHT Long-Life Milk**
- **Soft Drinks** (Long-life fruit juice or squash ONLY)
- **Fruit Juice or Squash** - *No water, fruit shoot-type drinks, Fizzy Pop or alcohol*

Essential Non-Food Items Needed

- **Toiletries:** Female Toiletries, Male Toiletries (including shampoo and deodorant)

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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Chaplain to the Freemen's Guild of Coventry
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