

Dear friends,

News for you from HTC - Friday 20th December 2024

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This Sunday's services, and through to Epiphany Sunday (5th January 2025)

Sunday 22nd December 4th Sunday in Advent	10.30am	<i>Morning Worship with Children's Nativity</i>	Led by our children and young people NO LIVESTREAMING <i>You are invited to wear Christmas colours or a Christmas jumper to this service.</i>
	11.45am	<i>SHORTENED Holy Communion</i>	Leader: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert Reading: Micah 5:2-5a, Luke 1:39-45 <i>Venue: Marler Chapel</i>
	6.00pm	<i>Nine Lessons and Carols (with choir)</i>	Leader: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert
Christmas Eve 24th December	11.00pm	<i>Midnight Communion (with choir)</i>	Leader: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert Preacher: Very Revd John Witcombe
Christmas Day 25th December	10.30am	<i>All Age Holy Communion</i>	Leader: Revd Carolyne Powell Preacher: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert
Sunday 29th December First Sunday of Christmas	10.30am	<i>All Age Holy Communion</i>	Preacher: Revd Rob Harrison Readings: 1 Samuel 2:18-20 / Luke 2:41-52
	5.00pm	<i>Evening Prayer</i>	Leader: Pete Griffiths Reading: Psalm 132, Isaiah 61, Luke 2:15-21

Tuesday 31st December	11.00pm	<i>Watchnight service for New Year</i>	Leader: Revd Carolyne Powell
Sunday 5th January 2025	10.30am	<i>All Age Holy Communion</i>	Leader: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert Preacher: Jim Kendall Readings: Eph 3:1-12 / Matt 2:1-12
	5.00pm	<i>First Evening Prayer of Epiphany</i>	Leader: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert Readings: Ps 96 / Isaiah 49:1-13 / John 4:7-26

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

Restricted car access to church. As of Friday December 22nd, Greyfriars Lane is closed. Car access to church is via High Street (now two-way) and Pepper Lane. Currently it is not known when this closure will be lifted.

A word from Richard: – *Christmas revisited*

<https://youtu.be/WNvAJt1KRPk>

Scratch Orchestra for *Family Carols and Nativity* with our children and young people

Sunday 22 December 10.30am Joint Service

We will once again be forming an Orchestra to play well-known Christmas carols and hymns for this service. All instruments and levels of experience welcome. Please speak to Alex to bring your instrument or for more details: alexandernorman@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk

Christmas Card for you

There is a staff-signed Christmas card for each person on the Electoral Roll. Please collect yours from the table at the back of church (and for any near neighbours to whom you could deliver).

Children's Christmas Trail – open Saturday Dec 21st and Sunday Dec 22nd

There are nativity figures, hidden around the church for the children to find, as well as some of our usual items to tick off. Great opportunity to bring your friends as well.

Could you make room around your table for a student this Christmas Day?



Over the last few weeks and months, our students and young adults Table community has expanded and unlike last year, they will not all fit in one, or two, or even three homes! We are looking for more people to host one (or more!) students around their Christmas table and join in your traditions so they do not stay alone on that day of great Joy to the World.

For any question, contact Carolynepowell@holyltrinitycoventry.org.uk

The Table – Christmas schedule



The Table on Sundays is a place for students and young adults to gather as people of all languages and nations, around Jesus the only one to reconcile us to God and to one another. The Table on Sundays is taking a break but we still have lots going on during the holidays in our homes! Look at the enclosed program and contact:

- Carlyne for any of the meals
- Alison for the walk
- See below for details of the walk

Boxing Day (Thursday 26 December) : Walk with Alison and Chris Aston



When? 9.45am (to leave at 10am) finish approximately 12.30pm on Thursday Dec 26th.

Where? At the Park and Ride bus stop in the main car park of Memorial Park.

What? We will have a relaxed walk via Canley Ford to Pam Hopkins's house in Earlsdon where we can use the toilet and have a hot drink. It can be muddy so if possible wear suitable (or old) footwear and warm layers.

New Year's Eve Watchnight service 31 Dec at 11pm



Would you like to volunteer for New Year's Eve watch service? There are a few roles available! Last year very came to worship, giving thanks to God for the previous year and committing their lives to Him for a new year. We would love to offer our guests a 'Holy Trinity welcome' ! If you can help or want to find our more, contact andrewselwyn@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk

Other News:

THANK YOU

Lord Lieutenant's Carol service - £870.00 was given through the Offertory, shared between Coventry Cyrenians and the church.

Vox Coelistis concert - £1250 from ticket sales and donations was raised for the Organ Development Fund.

Mission focus December 2024

The Church Urban Fund is a national charity with a vision for every person in need to have access to a community of support. It works with local churches and their leaders to serve and strengthen their communities. They work with and invest in local people, churches and community groups to tackle urgent issues: e.g. supporting people out of homelessness; identifying those people in greatest need (e.g. those in food poverty) and helping churches plan their response; and welcoming refugees.



They support: the *Together Network* (coordinating the work of 15 Christian charities); the *Just Finance Foundation* (providing financial education within schools and to families to help build financially resilient communities); and *Near Neighbours* (focused on community leadership training for young people).

For more details see their website: <https://cuf.org.uk/about-us>



The Reconciliation Course starts in January. This will run for five weeks, from 14 January 2025. It is a standalone course that anyone can attend, but it is also part of the Reconciliation Pathway for those that are signed up for it.

Please recommend this to anyone in your church who may be interested in it.

To book your place, visit the Diocesan Equip website, or speak to the church office.

Local Christian job vacancies - www.hopecoventry.org.uk/vacancies

Coventry Foodbank – latest URGENT needs!

Tinned Vegetarian meals

Tinned fruit

Tinned vegetables

Cereals

Long-life fruit juice

Squash

Instant mash potato

UHT long-life milk

Tinned Tomatoes

Biscuits

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.

Security Reminder!

Your valuables - please take your valuables (e.g. handbag) with you when you go forward to take Communion.

Your children - please accompany your children if they need the toilet, and when on the Peace Chapel carpeted area.

For your prayers this week:

Give thanks for:

- The greatest gift, the incarnation of our Lord: "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (Jn 1:14)
- Your family and friends
- Our musicians, singers and choir.

Pray for:

- The Light of God to shine brightly in your life this Christmas and throughout 2025.
- The Wisdom of God to be manifested in all your doings.
- The Might of God to be sovereign over all your concerns.
- The Fatherhood of God to enfold you in His love.
- The Peace of God to be known to you and to our world.

- God's person(s) to come forward to lead our children's and youth ministry
- The current volunteers for our children's and youth ministry.
- Positive steps forward for plans to redevelop our church IT, screens, PA, welcome and servery, and for installing a pipe organ.
- Coventry Cyrenians and their ministry among the homeless of our city.
- Church Urban Fund and its ministry to alleviate poverty and injustice across England.
- Those you know are struggling with illness, frailty and end of life.

A Prayer for Christmas:

Almighty God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer,

so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our judge.

NEXT FRIDAY EMAIL: 10th January 2025

Every blessing,

Richard

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