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### Worship – upcoming

<b>23 February 2025</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	All Age Holy Communion	Preacher: Wilfrid Kendall Theme: Ruth: Loving Through Risk Readings: Ruth 3
	<b>11.15am</b>	All Age Holy Communion	Preacher: Wilfrid Kendall Theme: Ruth: Loving Through Risk Readings: Ruth 3 / Luke 12: 32 - 38
	<b>5.00pm</b>	Choral Evensong	<i>Leader: John Roy</i> <i>Readings: Psalm 147 / Isaiah 22: 15-22 / Philippians 3: 13b-4: 1</i>
<b>26 February 2025</b>	<b>12.00pm</b>	Midday Prayer	Leader: Jim Kendall
<b>2 March 2025</b> <b>Sunday before Lent</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Holy Communion	Preacher: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert Theme: Ruth: Loving Beyond Imagination Readings: Ruth 4
	<b>11.15am</b>	Holy Communion	Preacher: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert Theme: Ruth: Loving Beyond Imagination Readings: Ruth 4 / Luke 10: 38-42
	<b>5.00pm</b>	Choral Evensong	Leader: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert

To watch our live /recorded services, please subscribe to our YouTube channel: *Holy Trinity Coventry*. The inserts for this: Sunday's [11.15am](#) and [5.00pm](#) service can be found here.

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**A word from Richard:** – Stay tuned . . .

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## **New Sermon Series (Four Sundays: 9 February to 2 March)**

### **The Book of Ruth** (p.267-270 in the church Bible)

How shall we live? How shall we love? For Christians, they are the same question. To live is to love. To love is to live.

The Book of Ruth, the central character, is a story of family loyalty and loyalty to God and his ways. It's part of the story within the Book of Judges, that terrible time in Israel's history when Israel had no king, and everyone did as they saw fit. But Ruth, who was not an Israelite, came to believe in God and through her marriage to an Israelite called Boaz, became the great-grandmother of King David, and ancestor of Jesus.

Ruth's story is of ordinary people working out how to live in God's loving ways through challenging personal circumstances. The story reveals how our God of love works through faithful people to fulfil his purpose for them, for their community, nation and even for all humanity.

The four chapters cover:

Loving in terrible times

Loving at work

Loving through risk

Loving beyond imagination

Much to enjoy and much to learn from, of our own lives, loves, relationships, work colleagues and community.

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## **Free Organ Recital: Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**



Holy Trinity Coventry  
Free Saturday Lunchtime  
Recital Series 2025

## **David Baxter**



**Including organ music by Elgar,  
Howells, Fauré & Duruflé**

**Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup>  
at 1.00pm**

**Free admission**

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On Saturday 22nd February at 1.00pm we are delighted that our own David Baxter will be giving a recital of popular English and French organ music. Included are well-loved favourites such as Elgar's Nimrod and Howells' Master Tallis's Testament.

## Our Young People are Welcome to Join the Choir

DO YOU ENJOY MUSIC AND SINGING?

**BECOME A  
CHORISTER!**

**JOIN HTC CHOIR**

What can singing at Holy Trinity give you?

- ENJOYMENT
- FRIENDSHIP
- FREE MUSIC EDUCATION
- SINGING AWARDS
- PAY (CURRENTLY £100 PER YEAR FOR FULL-TIME CHORISTERS)
- CATHEDRAL-STYLE MUSIC

Special events:  
Christmas carol services, visits to sing in cathedrals, social activities, concerts

AGE 7 - 18

CONTACT DIRECTOR OF MUSIC FOR MORE INFORMATION  
ALEXANDERNORMAN@HOLYTRINITYCOVENTRY.ORG.UK



Joining the choir is a fantastic adventure filled with music, friends, and fun. It's a wonderful way to serve your community, deepen your faith, and enjoy the beauty of music. So why not give it a try?

You might discover a new passion and make memories that will last a lifetime.

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## Can you help us at Holy Trinity? Serving our congregations

### We are seeking an 11.15am Congregational Pastor – Role description

- Point of contact for Clergy, Wardens, PCC, Office, Growth group coordinators, weekday Lead Welcomer, members of congregation.
- Attend termly Pastoral team meetings.
- Recruit from the relevant congregation and liaise with that congregation's team members to fulfil roles in the Sunday service.
- Assisting the clergy in encouraging mutual support and prayer across the congregation.
- Assist Parish Manager and Church Office with annual returns.
- Assist PCC secretary by writing an annual report for APCM.
- Populate the rota for their service, liaising with Wardens, Head server, Director of Music, PA. Livestreaming, welcomers, administrators of Communion, Youth/Children team.\*
- Support the person(s) with responsibility for festival services and joint morning services with relevant names to cover the roles to enable this service.

\* There is scope for some of the admin to be undertaken by others.

### We are offering further roles and opportunities to be more involved

#### At 9.30am

- musicians, especially singers
- children's and youth groups assistants

#### At 11.15am

- servers and acolytes (candle holders)

#### At 5pm

- Livestream operator
- Welcomers

#### All our services

- Tech team - PA / Livestream / Laptop operator

- Refreshments servers

- Flower team (no previous experience needed)

Full training offered, opportunities to "try out before you buy in". Please ask to speak to relevant team leader via Church Office or clergy.

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**Experience the Picture of God's Heavenly Banquet and Grow as a Disciple of Christ**  
**The Table - Sundays 1pm – 3pm**  
**For Young Adults and Students**



The Table 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.

We enjoy a meal, explore scriptures, and grow as apprentices of Jesus. Every Sunday from 1pm to 3pm.

Venue: Trinity House (over footbridge to green doors).

More info: Revd Carolyne Powell

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**Food!**

We are looking for a few people to enable us to carry on offering a warm welcome to The Way and to the Baptism course.

Eating together is not only our desire to bless and welcome others, it is also the place where relationships are made and discipleship can grow.

If you enjoy cooking – simple meals are great, we can give you ideas – you could cook on site or drop off during the day. Once every month or less or more. All expenses covered.

More info or to sign up: Andrew Selwyn [andrewselwyn@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk](mailto:andrewselwyn@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk)

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**Children's Ministry – Sunday services (except 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month)**

**9.30am** – children are invited to attend their own learning in Trinity House (Church Centre). They leave shortly after the start of the service, and are seen again at refreshments, held in Trinity House. For more information, please email [kerihusband@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk](mailto:kerihusband@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk)

**11.15am** – There will be no children's group during this first Sunday of half-term. Next week is all age service. On Sunday 2 March, activities resume, and children are invited to attend their own learning in the choir vestries. They leave shortly after the start of the service and

are seen again during The Peace. For more information, please email [andrewselwyn@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk](mailto:andrewselwyn@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk)

### Youth ministry (fortnightly)

6pm – young people gather at Trinity House with their team of leaders, finishing at 7.30pm. For time of next Sunday gathering, please email [jimkendall@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk](mailto:jimkendall@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk)

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### Other News:

#### Mission focus, February 2025 - Coventry Street Pastors



**Coventry Street Pastors** are volunteers from many local churches, who work with people enjoying the city centre club nightlife, from 10pm to 3am on Fridays and Saturdays. The pastors are welcomed and endorsed by the police, city council and business community.

They are known as ‘flip-flop pastors’ providing simple footwear to those who can’t manage to walk in their fancy shoes, or ‘lollipop pastors’ when they offer tokens of love and relief to distressed youngsters at the end of a night out. They bring a Christian presence, a listening ear, warm safe spaces, drinks and all manner of tender loving care. Where appropriate they share about Jesus and pray with people.

**Emmanuel Vasanthakumar**, a member of HTC and often to be seen around the AV desk at the back of church, is a member of the team; they are looking for more volunteers to become street pastors, so if interested, please speak to him.

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#### *“Real faith in a real life” – Learning from King David*

All human life has its ups and downs; a faithful life, lived in service to God, is no exception. This **five-week zoom course** will explore the joys, challenges, hopes and fears of life through the story of King David.

We will see how God’s love was experienced through disaster and failure, as much as through the success and victory.

5 Monday evening sessions starting Monday 17th February, 7:30pm – 9pm

Read more and enrol [here](#).

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## Regional City Praise and Prayer

Regional City Praise and Prayer is an opportunity to gather in specific regions of the city; the North, East, West and South, to worship God and to pray specifically for that area. All events will be taking place on **Sunday 2nd March 2025 at 6.30pm.**

### Venues:

North - St Paul's, Foleshill, CV6 5AJ

East - St Mark's Church, CV1 5FX

South - St James Styvechale, CV3 5BT

West - St James, Fletchamstead, CV4 9DP

Meet Richard at St James Styvechale for Coventry South

Keep up to date on the [City Praise and Prayer website](#)

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### Coventry Foodbank – latest URGENT needs!

UHT Long-Life Milk

Cooking Sauce

Dry Noodles

Tea Bags

Jam

Instant Coffee

Instant Mash Potato

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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### 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.

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### For your prayers this week:

Give thanks for:

- The ancient story in the Book of Ruth, and the lessons we shall learn together.
- All those cooking for The Table and The Way, a ministry for students and young adults seeing 40-50 grow in Christ every week
- The dedication of the welcome team and all they do to make HTC a welcoming church witnessing to the Gospel
- The Forum, a platform for discernment for the vision and fruitfulness of the 9.30am

Pray for:

- King Charles and Queen Camilla, and all the Royal family, to seek your face and worship you day by day.
- Our nation, Prime Minister and government, City Council leaders and officers.

- The peace negotiations between the US and Russia on Ukraine
- Our church:
  - The Baptism candidates attending the baptism course and those finishing the Alpha course, that they would want to be part of the next one for their peers.
  - Generous hearts, and more regular donors (through Parish Giving Scheme), to grow the church's income so that budgeted expenditure for 2025 is covered.
  - Plans for interviewing for the Lead Children's and Youth Minister role on Saturday 8 March, and for the candidates and panel to discern God's plans.
  - Our church Architect and Buildings & Fabric group, steering a swift way forward for the desired developments around IT, refreshments, welcome, and for a new pipe organ.
- Coventry Street Pastors, our February Mission Partner, and their ministry to the many who enjoy City Centre nightlife, and the desire for more new members.
- Bishop Sophie, her Confirmation of Election (14 February), the building work on her house, and readiness to quickly inspire and direct our mission and ministry.
- Pray for lasting peace and justice for all, across the Holy Land.
- Pray for peace to come to the wider Middle East, Sudan, northern Nigeria.
- Those you know are struggling with illness, frailty and end of life.
- Alison and Nick Jackson

### **Prayers based on the Book of Ruth:**

**“Ruth’s Prayer”** – Lord God, whom I don’t really know, I am on a journey. Protect me and guide me as I find my way. Help me to always care for my family to the best of my abilities. Lead me to where I can find work and food. Shelter me in a warm and loving home. Renew my heart so that I may be open to receive new love, and so praise and thank You for this second chance and the blessings that will come my way in the future. Amen.

**“Naomi’s prayer”** - Lord, I am bitter, angry and hurt. My heart was filled with sweetness, joy, and delight; my life was wonderful, pleasant, and lovely. But now I am stripped of my identity. I know no longer what makes me “me.” I have never felt so alone, nor have you ever felt so far away. Take this pain from my heart, and plant the seeds of renewed faith within me, that you may grow them like fields of barley. Amen.

**“Boaz’s prayer”** – Almighty and ever faithful God, thank you for all the blessings of this life, for friends, food, work, church and community. Strengthen me in faithfulness to you, graciousness towards others, and honour and integrity in all my dealings. Help me to care for those around me, whose life is a struggle. Grant me wisdom to know the actions I should take and the words I should use, and boldness to pursue things that will bring glory to you. Amen.

Revd Canon Richard Hibbert

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Chaplain to the Lord Mayor of Coventry

Chaplain to the Freeman’s Guild of Coventry

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