



News for you from HTC - Friday 13th December 2024

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This Sunday's and Next Week's Worship

Sunday 15th December 3rd Sunday in Advent	9.30am	<i>Morning Worship</i>	Preacher: Catherine Kendall Reading: Zephaniah 3: 14-20
	11.15am	<i>Holy Communion</i>	Preacher: Catherine Kendall Reading: Zephaniah 3: 14-20, Luke 3: 7-18
	5.00pm	<i>Choral Evensong</i>	Leader: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert Reading: Psalm 62, Zephaniah 3: 14-end, Luke 1: 57-66
Wednesday 17th December	12.00pm	<i>Holy Communion</i>	Leader: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert
Sunday 22nd December 4th Sunday in Advent	10.30am	<i>Morning Worship and Children's Nativity</i>	Led by our children and young people
	11.45am	<i>SHORTENED Holy Communion</i>	Leader: Revd Carolyne Powell Reading: Micah 5:2-5a, Luke 1:39-45
	6.00pm	<i>Nine Lessons and Carols</i>	Leader: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert
Christmas Eve 24th December	11.00pm	<i>Midnight Communion</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

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.

A word from Richard: – It's all about me <https://youtu.be/QJzVXyUw880>

Christmas Services information card – take some for your neighbours and friends

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HOLY TRINITY COVENTRY

YOU ARE INVITED TO
OUR CHRISTMAS SERVICES

DECEMBER

DARKNESS TO LIGHT (WITH CHOIR)	SUNDAY 1	6.00pm
LORD LIEUTENANT'S CAROL SERVICE	WEDNESDAY 11	7.00pm
FAMILY CAROLS AND NATIVITY	SUNDAY 22	10.30am
NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS (WITH CHOIR)	SUNDAY 22	6.00pm
CHRISTMAS EVE MIDNIGHT COMMUNION (WITH CHOIR)	TUESDAY 24	11.00pm
CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY COMMUNION	WEDNESDAY 25	10.30am
NEW YEAR'S EVE WATCHNIGHT SERVICE	TUESDAY 31	11.00pm

Christ the Saviour is born

At our special Christmas services, the collection and contactless donations will be shared equally with Coventry Cyrenians, who work alongside the homeless in our city, and HTC.

Please support as you are able.

Carol singers! Singing at Chandler Court Tuesday 17th December.

You're welcome to join some HTC choir members and other HTC singers, singing carols in a retirement home in our parish, eight days before Christmas. Chandler Court has a nice meeting room for such events, and it will just be favourite carols, for a sing-a-long. If this is your thing, then just come along: 7-8pm Chandler Court, Davenport Road, CV5 6PY,

More info: Laurence Wood or Richard Hibbert

Christmas Flowers and Decoration – Friday 20 December from 10am to lunchtime

The Flower Team invites you to assist them as they prepare the church for Christmas. No flower display experience necessary, and encouragement is offered.

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 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 NOW

Thanks to the creativity and hard work of Nasrin and Carolyne, our Children's Christmas trail is opening till Christmas Day.

There are nativity figures, hidden around the church for you 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@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk

The Table - Sundays 1pm – 3pm



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. The last Table of the year will be on Sunday 15th Dec with a bring and share party!

Could you help?



The Table is a growing community, with between 25 and 35 people each week. We rejoice that so many find a home at The Table and are growing in love, knowledge and trust of Jesus.

However, we would love a little bit of help! Would you be able to cook one dish for us, either from time to time or once a month? It could be a soup for 8-10 people, or a rice dish, or a cake, or a chicken dish. You could drop it off on a Sunday before the service!

If you'd like to know more, help or be involved, contact
carolynepowell@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk

New Year's Eve Watch 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 – to all who helped this service go so well

Lord Lieutenant's Carol service

The Lord Lieutenant of the West Midlands, Derrick Anderson CBE, and the deputy Lieutenants were delighted by the service and all that it achieved for Coventry and West Midlands.

Rotary Christmas Tree festival – running till Christmas Day.

Rotary Christmas Concert – at HTC on Saturday 14th December at 6.30pm till 8.30pm

All are welcome.

Nexus ICA presents: Winter Showcase – Saturday 14th December



Venue: Nexus ICA, Astoria House | 71 Albany Road | Coventry | CV5 6JR

“Training Christians in worship and the arts, Nexus ICA’s Winter showcase includes writing songs and creating music in response to the ways God has been speaking into our community – with the aim to offer a response from our hearts back to God, to tell our story and make His greatness known.

“On Saturday 14th December, we will be sharing the songs we have written for our Winter Showcase, performing the songs live (and creating a live recording of them), and also sharing some of the stories and processes of writing them.”

Here is a link to the tickets:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1075738385469?aff=oddtcreator>

All are welcome.

Songs of the Solstice – St John the Baptist Church CV1 3AY on 19th December from 7.30pm to 9.30pm with Richard Durrant

A joyful, musical celebration of Christmas and all things midwinter.

Richard Durrant is a composer and recording artist who defies categorisation. He is one of the leading guitar virtuosos of his generation who, uniquely, performs standing up. He now writes a high proportion of his own concert music. Richard is a passionate supporter of music literacy, especially amongst guitarists.

In more recent years Richard has worked hard to develop a more environmentally informed approach to performing. He plays an annual, solo British Isles concert tour carrying his instruments on a bicycle and trailer.

Other performers: Howard Beach, Daisy Durrant, Django Durrant, Rooney Durrant-Davies & Amy Kakoura.

Tickets: £20, under 18s £5

Box office: buy tickets online from [Ticketsource](#)

All are welcome.

Mission focus December 2024

Church Urban Fund

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



The Reconciliation Course also starts in January. This will run for five weeks, starting on 14 January. 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. Again, please recommend this to anyone in your church who may be interested in it.

[Find out more and how to book.](#)

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.

For your prayers this week:

Give thanks for:

- **Lord Lieutenant's Carol service and all who heard the joy of the Christmas message.**
- **The opportunities to welcome visitors and tourists this Christmas season.**
- **Nazrin and Carlyne, who have developed a Children's Christmas trail round the church.**

Pray for:

- **Our choir and musicians in this busy season.**
- **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.**
- **The Children's Christmas Trail around the church, to give joy to children and families alike.**

- **Positive steps forward for plans to redevelop our church IT, screens, PA, welcome and servery, and for installing a pipe organ.**
- **Our Christmas services, to be vehicles for the Holy Spirit to call people to follow Christ.**
- **Coventry Cyrenians and their ministry among the homeless of our city.**
- **Church Urban Fund and its ministry to alleviate poverty and injustice across England.**
- **Pray for peace for the Holy Land, Middle East, Ukraine/Russia, Sudan, and other countries known to you**
- **Those you know are struggling with illness, frailty and end of life.**

A Prayer for Advent:

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Every blessing,

Richard

Revd Canon Richard Hibbert

Vicar, Holy Trinity Coventry

Chaplain to the Lord Mayor of Coventry

Chaplain to the Freeman's Guild of Coventry

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