

Dear friends,

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Worship – upcoming

19 Jan 2025 Epiphany 2	9.30am	Morning worship (with music group)	Preacher: Wilfrid Kendall Theme: Worship & Witness Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
	11.15am	Holy Communion (with choir)	Preacher: Wilfrid Kendall Theme: Worship & Witness Readings: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 / John 2:1-11
	5.00pm	Evensong	Leader: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert Readings: Psalm 96 / 1 Samuel 3:1-20 / Ephesians 4:1-16
22 Jan 2025	12 noon	<i>Midday Prayer</i>	Leader: Jim Kendall
26 Jan 2025 Epiphany 3	9.30am	All Age Holy Communion	Preacher: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert Theme: Wealth & Walk Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a
	11.15am	All Age Holy Communion	Preacher: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert Theme: Wealth & Walk Readings: 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a / Luke 4: 14-21
	5.00pm	Evensong	Leader: Pete Griffiths Readings: Psalm 33 / Numbers 9: 15-end / 1 Corinthians 7: 17-24

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: – Four More Years <https://youtu.be/zYu4D4U0HEs>

Nibbles after 10 30 a.m Candlemas service on 2nd February

To build on our Values of Welcome and Warmth, after the joint 10.30am service on Sunday 2nd February (Presentation of Christ in the Temple), please bring a covered plate of finger food, which we ask you to keep with you during the service, ready to share round afterwards, as we enjoy refreshments together.

Please note that we do not serve nut products.

Calling all Students and Young Adults to 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.

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

More info: Revd Carolyne Powell

Children's ministry – Sunday services (except 4th 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.

11.15am – 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.

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

Free Saturday Recital: 1.00pm, 25th January



Holy Trinity Coventry
Free Saturday Lunchtime
Winter Recital Series 2025



**Tim
Campain
(Organ)**



**Including a celebration of Burns
Night**

**Saturday January 25th
at 1.00pm**

Free admission, refreshments provided

We are excited to announce that one of our own, Tim Campain, will be performing at next Saturday's piano recital at Holy Trinity Church. This is a wonderful opportunity to show our support and appreciation for Tim's talent and hard work.

We hope to see you there to cheer him on and enjoy an afternoon of beautiful music.

Other News:

Mission focus, January 2025

John and Rachel are our CMS Mission Partners working on Bible translation and discipleship in the Middle East since the 1980s, currently serving in an unstable, war-afflicted area. Rachel was a member of Holy Trinity before going overseas. John is part of an international team involved in the NT translation for one language group, and an OT translation for another! The current instability in the Middle East has resulted in local people becoming more fearful to act as local translators or community checkers. John and Rachel have two grown-up children, one in UK and one serving in the Far East. We pray regularly for them, and they do visit us when they are back in UK, every couple of years.

For more information, **their latest prayer letter** is pinned to the noticeboard at the back of church.

“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

For more information, please contact htoffice@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk

Creating a better Growth Group – “Growing together in Christ”

The phrase ‘small groups’ might bring to mind cups of tea, reading the Bible and praying in someone’s living room. It can be BUT it is not the only way to do it. They can happen while walking, sharing a pint or distracting small children. The key to a ‘small group’ is being an intentional space where people can grow in faith through relationship and sharing.

Two sessions coming up that will help explore why small groups and what they might look like. The sessions are designed for people to reflect on an existing small group or explore a potential group.

Monday 27th January & Wednesday 5th February, 7:30pm-9:30pm at St Margaret’s Church, Whitnash.

More info: speak to Paul Doggett or Anita Draper (Growth Group/Small Group Coordinators)

Newcomers' Tea and Cake!



**"Newcomers"
tea and cake**

HOLY TRINITY COVENTRY

invites you for tea and cake, chat and a chance to meet the staff, wardens and other church members

on Sunday 2nd February 2025
at 4pm – 5.30pm in Trinity House
Children welcome

There will be an opportunity to hear more about Holy Trinity, being involved and growing in your faith.

RSVP: htoffice@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk

We are delighted to welcome you to our church community! To help you feel at home and get to know us better, we warmly invite you to join us for tea in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

We look forward to seeing you there and getting to know you better!

* Newcomers = those who have settled among us as their church family over the past 12 months.

Exploring a Vocation



**everyone has a vocation.
what's yours?**

**5 Wednesday evenings,
starting 22nd January**

7.30-9.30pm
All Saints Church
Emscote
CV34 5NJ



BOOK NOW... www.equiphub.org.uk/called-2025

Have you ever considered exploring a vocation? Whether you're looking for a career change, a new hobby, or simply a way to expand your skills, now is the perfect time to dive into something new.

Exploring a vocation can open exciting opportunities and help you discover passions you never knew you had. It can also provide a sense of fulfillment and purpose, as well as the chance to meet new people and build valuable connections.

We encourage you to take the first step towards exploring a vocation that interests you.

Letter from Bishop Sophie

Bishop Sophie, the next Bishop of Coventry, wrote a letter to the diocese just before Christmas, including details on practicalities and next steps. If you missed it, you can read it [here](#).

16 NOVEMBER 2024

A NEW TRIENNIUM... AND A GOODBYE

On Saturday 16 November, members of Diocesan Synod met for the first meeting of the new triennium (a fancy word for a three-year term).

The meeting also marked Bishop's Ruth last Diocesan Synod with us as Acting Bishop of Coventry, after a year in the role.

Bishop's Ruth Presidential Address can be read in full on our [website](#)

2025 BUDGET

Synod reviewed the proposed 2025 budget for the Coventry Diocesan Board of Finance (CDBF). The budget is reviewed by the Diocesan Finance Group and Investment Sub-Committee before being scrutinised by Bishop's Council who are the Directors and Trustees of the DBF.

Following the recommendation by Bishop's Council, Diocesan Synod approved the 2025 CDBF budget, authorising a maximum expenditure for the upcoming year of £14.232 million.

More detail about the budget can be found in this [presentation](#).

OUR SHARED FUTURE

Archdeacon Missioner Barry Dugmore and Diocesan Secretary Jacqueline Ladds shared an overview of the vision and strategy for the whole diocese - Our Shared Future.

They summarised some of the challenges facing our parishes, schools, chaplaincies and Cathedral, and outlined the steps that will be taken to prepare ourselves for the arrival of Bishop Sophie in Spring 2025. More info in this [presentation](#).

Bishop Ruth led a reflection on John 10:10, encouraging synod members to consider what Jesus' promise might mean for our diocese "... I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

APPOINTMENT OF DIOCESAN BISHOPS - A MEMBERS' MOTION

Synod debated and voted on a motion brought by a member concerning the process by which Bishops are appointed.

Synod agreed a motion which will now be passed to General Synod, requesting changes to the timeline in those cases where an appointment is not initially made.

Be updated with the latest happenings within the Diocese of Coventry.



NET ZERO

Rev'd Tim Cockell, Acting Archdeacon Pastor and Chair of the Net Zero Steering Group, gave an update on the achievements of the last year and the challenges still to come. A summary can be viewed [here](#).

READ MORE & STAY CONNECTED

Information about Diocesan Synod, Bishop's Council and our committees can be found on the Diocese of Coventry's [website](#)

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.

Fun night out @ St Christopher's Allesley Park

"TOSSES OUT COMIC GEMS IN AN ALMOST PROFLIGATE MANNER" YORKSHIRE TIMES

COMEDY NIGHT WITH ANDY KIND

"ABSOLUTELY TERRIFIC" THE SCOTSMAN

WHEN? Saturday 8th February, 7:30pm

WHERE? St Christopher's Church, CV5 9NJ

TICKETS Adults - £10. Under 16 = £5
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/t-krajczp>

BOOK NOW!

Andy Kind is a comedian - comedian, preacher and writer with a career spanning about 20 years. It's an opportunity to unwind, enjoy great company, and share some joy with friends and family.

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:

- Our Treasurer (Kathryn Hunter) and Parish Finance Assistant (Vino Jayakumar), and all they bring to the good management of our church accounts.
- All who volunteer at Holy Trinity, enabling so much to happen for the Kingdom.
- The potential of a ceasefire between Israel, Gaza and the Palestinian people.

Pray for:

- A good way ahead for our children's and youth ministry, and further help at 9.30am and 11.15am services to assist the current short-handed teams.
- Positive steps forward for plans to redevelop our church IT, screens, PA, welcome and servery, and for installing a pipe organ.
- Generous hearts, and regular donors, to grow the church's income so that budgeted expenditure for 2025 is covered.
- The creation of the management accounts for 2024 and readying for the independent examiner.
- Increasing sense of our Values being seen and effected in our church life and mission (*Welcome, Warmth, Worship, Witness, Wealth, Walk*).
- John and Rachel, mission partners and Bible translators in the Middle East: -
 - Settling back into the Middle East (for the last one month), since a UK Home Assignment (they visited HTC in Oct 2024).
 - Bible translation project 1 – translating Luke's gospel into 'Shukari', a language with 200,000 speakers, especially security issues for the wider local team.
 - Bible translation project 2 – translating the whole bible into 'Briyani', needing perseverance and momentum.
 - Rachel's admin, finance and new fun children's literacy app (in 'Briyani').
- President-elect, Donald Trump.
- Pray for lasting peace and justice for all, across the Holy Land.
- Pray for peace to come to other parts of the Middle East, and Ukraine/Russia and Sudan.
- Those you know are struggling with illness, frailty and end of life.

A Prayer for Epiphany:

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Every blessing,
Richard

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