

# News for you from HTC! Friday 21st March 2025



Dear friends,

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## **Calendar of Worship and Events**

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	9.30am	All Age Holy Communion	Ineme: Lord's Praver					
23 March 2025	11.15am	All Age Holy Communion	Preacher: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert Theme: Lord's Prayer – Our Daily Bread Readings: Nehemiah 9: 19-21 / Luke 11: 5-10					
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent	1.00pm to 3.00pm	The Table @ Trinity House	Leader: Revd Carolyne Powell					
	5.00pm	Choral Evensong	Leader: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert Readings: Psalms 12 & 13 / Genesis 28: 10-19a / John 1: 35-end					
25 March 2025	6.00pm to 8.00pm	Alpha Course	Leaders: Revd Canon Richard Hibbert / Revd Carolyne Powell					
26 March 2025	12.00pm	Midday Prayer	Leader: Jim Kendall					
29 March 2025	3.00pm to 5.30pm	Spring Creativitea	Creative activities with Anita Draper, Sarah Hibbert, and Catherine Kendall					
30 March 2025	9.30am	All Age Morning Prayer	Preacher: Catherine Kendall Theme: Lord's Prayer – Forgive - As we Forgive Reading: Luke 23: 32-34					
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent	11.15am	All Age Holy Communion	Preacher: Catherine Kendall Theme: Lord's Prayer – Forgive - As we Forgive Readings: Ephesians 1: 3-8a / Luke 23: 32-34					
Mothering Sunday	5.00pm	Choral Evensong	Leader: Simon Brake Readings: Psalm 30 / Isaiah 40: 27 – 41: 13 / 2 Timothy 4: 1-18					

To watch our live /recorded services, please subscribe to our YouTube channel: Holy Trinity Coventry. The inserts for this: Sunday's <u>11.15am</u> and <u>5.00pm</u> service can be found here.

## An Enchanting Musical Performance on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – and it's free!



Otsuki (Violin)





Natalie Bleicher (Piano)

Saturday March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1.00pm Including music by Grieg, Debussy, Rachmaninov & Elgar

Free admission

On March 22nd we give a warm welcome to the talented duo, Fumi Otsuki and Natalie Bleicher on their first visit to Holy Trinity Coventry

Japanese violinist, Fumi, studied violin, piano and composition at both the Royal Academy of Music and Trinity College of Music, London. He has a long list of cathedrals and cities around the country where he has delighted audiences with memorable performances.

His accompanist, Natalie, studied music at New College Oxford and composition at King's College, London.

Their programme includes popular music by Elgar, Grieg, Debussy and Rachmaninov as well as Fumi's own Violin Sonatina No. 1.

Please come along and bring your friends to support both Fumi and Natalie and, of course, our Pipe Organ Appeal.

## Alpha Course Starting, Tuesday 25th March

#### **Notices**

#### **Alpha Course**

• 11 weeks exploring

• Who is Jesus?

• Why did he die?

• How to read the Bible?

How to pray?

• ... and much more

## starting Tuesday 25 March

<u>6pm</u> for a meal

6.45pm video & discussion

<u>8pm</u> - end

To know more:

Carolyne/Richard



Alpha is a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment.

Everyone is welcome and you're invited. Looking to try Alpha?

## Saturday 29 March - Spring Creativitea



An opportunity to share in a delightful afternoon with creative activities and afternoon tea. Trinity House, **Saturday 29 March 3pm-5:30pm**.

Tickets are £10 and are available from this Sunday 9 March onwards from Anita Draper, Sarah Hibbert, and Catherine Kendall. Please note there are only 60 places!

**Special Request:** Please bring any empty jam or honey jars you have at home, and leave them at the back of church. We'll be using them for some fun and creative projects!

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## Turning away from sinfulness, turning to God.

What is Jesus calling you to turn away from? How could God make things new?

This Lent, we have the opportunity to 'turn away from sins and to turn to God' (Acts 3:19) Let's take time to 'turn around' together, by praying. It's not about how much we can pray, or how well we pray, but simply about making space for God and how much God can do in and through us when we take time to pause and turn to Him.

Whether you are praying on your own, maybe pausing during the day when you didn't used

to, or joining us in rhythms of prayer, I pray that as you make room to turn to God, you will see act in and through you, making all things new

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9.15am	Morning Prayer (a mix of Benedictine and modern traditions) At TH or online	Morning Prayer (The Anglican Daily Office) At HTC (enter through office door)	Morning Prayer (a mix of Benedictine and modern traditions) At TH or online				Worship The Lord's Prayer sermon series 9.30am or 11.15am
5pm		Celtic Evening Prayer At TH or online	Celtic Evening Prayer (fortnightly) At TH or online	Celtic Evening Prayer At TH or online			
9.30pm	Night Prayers  Online or  Carolyne's house			Night Prayers  Online or  Carolyne's  house			Night Prayers (The Examen) Online

<sup>\*</sup>except no Morning Prayer on 17 March and 7th April

For any questions on the rhythms or content, contact Carolyne carolynepowell@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk or try once!



The Online meetings will be on Microsoft Teams. Type in the following address or contact Carolyne for the online link:

Join the meeting now

Meeting ID: 333 311 299 282

Passcode: mn64UM3K



**New Electoral Roll** 

A new Church Electoral Roll is being prepared. This happens in every Church of England parish, every six years. Every person who wishes to have their name entered on the new Roll, whether it is entered on the present Roll or not, is requested to apply for enrolment not later than Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

Under the Church Representation Rules, you can be on the Electoral Roll if you are:

- (a) baptised
- (b) aged 16 or over, and
- (c) have habitually attended Holy Trinity for at least six months or you live in the parish

## Why go on the Electoral Roll?

It is a way of declaring that you are a member of Holy Trinity and entitles you to vote in any elections at the Parochial Church Council Annual General Meeting. Anyone wishing to be a member of the PCC will need to have been on the Electoral Roll for six months.

## How can I make sure I am included on the new Electoral Roll?

There are new paper copies available at the back of church.

There's also an online form, which you can access via <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/yXvParNsvD">https://forms.office.com/e/yXvParNsvD</a>

Or you can scan in the QR code on your phone/tablet.

#### **Annual Meetings**

Each year, each Parish Church is required to hold an Annual Meeting of Parishioners at which the Church Wardens are elected, and an Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) at which the Parochial Church Council (PCC) presents reports to the Church on any changes to the Electoral Roll; the finances of the Church; the Building and Fabric; and on the activities of the

Diocese and Deanery that the Parish Church belongs to. New PCC members are also elected for a 3-year term at the APCM.

We will be holding our Annual Meetings on Sunday, 18 May this year at 11am.

There are vacancies for 4 Wardens and 4 PCC members. If you are interested in standing for election there are nomination forms available on the Church website or by the PCC noticeboard. There is also a description of the responsibilities and a list of meeting dates available.

Keri Husband, PCC Secretary

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## Our Young People are Welcome to Join the Choir



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

- a. Point of contact for Clergy, Wardens, PCC, Office, Growth group coordinators, weekday Lead Welcomer, members of congregation.
- b. Attend termly Pastoral team meetings.
- c. Recruit from the relevant congregation and liaise with that congregation's team members to fulfil roles in the Sunday service.
- d. Assisting the clergy in encouraging mutual support and prayer across the congregation.
- e. Assist Parish Manager and Church Office with annual returns.
- f. Assist PCC secretary by writing an annual report for APCM.
- g. Populate the rota for their service, liaising with Wardens, Head server, Director of Music, PA. Livestreaming, welcomers, administrators of Communion, Youth/Children team.\*
- h. 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

## Could you cook for the hungry, for God?

Would you like to contribute to their growth by providing a simple meal on a Tuesday?

As a one-off or a more regular contribution, a main dish, or part of a main dish. Drop it off earlier in the day. Or come and stay. Your choice! All expenses covered.

For more information, contact Pam Hopkins for The Table or Andrew Selwyn for The Way, or contact Carolyne carolynepowell@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk

## **Volunteer Cleaner Urgently Needed!**

We are looking for dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers to help keep our church clean and welcoming. If you have a few hours to spare each week and a passion for maintaining a tidy environment, we would love to have you on our team. Please contact Tayo: <a href="https://doi.org/10.2476220418">https://doi.org/10.2476220418</a>.

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#### **Lead Families and Youth Minister - Announcement**

Iworibo Thomas has agreed to be our next LFYM. He will start about May 2025. Thomas comes with much experience of youth work and children's work, and a passion to grow young disciples. Please hold him in your prayers as he prepares to step into this important role in our Church life.

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 <a href="mailto:kerihusband@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk">kerihusband@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk</a>

**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. For more information, please email <a href="mailto:andrewselwyn@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk">andrewselwyn@holytrinitycoventry.org.uk</a>

## 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

## 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

#### **Other News:**

## Mission focus, March 2025 - Andrew

Andrew is a graduate from Warwick University, and his ministry is focused on that campus. He returned to Coventry in 1987 after Bible College training, and ministry in India and on the ships of Operation Mobilisation (OM). Since then, he has been reaching out with the Good News to students from East Asia, through hospitality and Bible studies, and many have come to faith in Jesus. He also aims to prepare and support them for life and ministry as Christians when they return home.

## Armonico Consort and Baroque Orchestra coming to you in April



Armonico Consort is a critically acclaimed choir, instrumental ensemble and music charity. It is renowned for inspiring audiences through passionate performances, providing imaginative singing opportunities for young people and helping people living with dementia through the power of music.

Please book here: HANDEL ISRAEL IN EGYPT - Armonico

# Is Peace Possible in Israel and Palestine? - A Lecture with Daniel Munayer 7pm, Wednesday 2nd April, Coventry Cathedral



Is a lasting and just peace possible in Israel and Palestine? Occupation, war, extremism, terrorism and fear are all words we hear used to describe what is happening in Israel and Palestine. In such a context, it's hard to imagine a future where Israeli Jews and Palestinian Muslims and Christians may live in peace, either together or side by side. Is that a pipe dream or is such a future still possible?

Daniel Munayer director of Musalaha, a reconciliation ministry in Israel and Palestine, and the only Palestinian ever

to have addressed the UN Security Council, will explore this question. His talk will be followed by a conversation with the Very Reverend John Witcombe, Dean of Coventry Cathedral, and Jamie Eyre CEO of Embrace the Middle East.

**BOOK TO ATTEND** <a href="https://embraceme.org/events/lecture-is-peace-possible-in-israel-palestine">https://embraceme.org/events/lecture-is-peace-possible-in-israel-palestine</a>. Entry is by free ticket only.

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## Coventry Foodbank - latest URGENT needs!

- UHT Long Life Milk.
- Dry Noodles.
- Fruit Juice or Squash.
- Cooking Sauce.
- Jam.
- Tinned Tomatoes.

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:

- Iworibo Thomas and his appointment as Lead Families and Youth Minster.
- Our recent baptism candidates, and pray for their ongoing faith journey.

## Pray for:

- Those starting the next Alpha Course this Tuesday.
- Generous hearts, and more regular donors (through Parish Giving Scheme), to grow the church's income so that budgeted expenditure for 2025 is covered.
- Our church Architect and Buildings & Fabric group, meeting Monday to further a way forward for the developments of IT, West End refreshments/welcome, and for a new pipe organ.
- Plans for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter services, and the people involved in delivering these services.
- The preparation of the new Electoral Roll, to truly reflect the worshipping congregation.
- A new 'full-time' Chaplain at Blue Coat School (Applications by 25 April, 2025).
- Just and fair peace to come to Ukraine and to Israel/Gaza.
- Andrew, our March Mission Partner, and his ministry to students here and globally.
- Those you know are struggling with illness, frailty and end of life.
- Alison and Nick Jackson.

## **Church's Prayer for Lent:**

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Every blessing to you, Richard

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