



July/August 2019

There's lots going on in the Solihull Parish for families. Everyone is welcome!

Sunday Worship St Alphege Church (B91 3RQ)

You are welcome at the **9:15am** in the church building. Worship with a mix of traditional and contemporary music in our beautiful church. Space for all ages with dedicated activities for children.

"The Junction" meets at **9.15am** in the Oliver Bird Hall (OBH) – adjacent to the church building. An informal service for young families offering tailored activities for children of all ages, from babies to big kids. It's lively and laid back!

At Junction on Sunday 7th July we'll be doing something special called "The All-In Thing"! Instead of dividing into age related groups you will be able to choose which type of activity to go to and there'll be lots of choice – from singing to creating, moving to writing and more besides! We really hope you can join us for this very special service. And we'll be starting with refreshments between 9 and 9.20am so come in good time to grab a croissant and a drink before the fun starts!

Please note that there will be no Junction on Sunday 28th July or on the Sundays in August. However, there will still be activities for all children during the 9.15am service in the St Alphege church building so there are still opportunities for everyone to learn and to worship!

The Junction will begin again with all our regular activities on Sunday 1st September at the usual time of 9.15am.

Sunday 14th July: Everyone will worship together in the church building. We will be joined by the Parish puppet team and will be blessing the children as they prepare to move on to other settings in September! Don't miss it!

You are welcome at the **11am**. A choral service with our excellent choirs. Time to reflect and wonder.

We have Choral Evensong at **6.30pm** - a traditional contemplative service enjoyed by Christians and people of no faith (there is also a short Choral Evensong service on Wednesdays at 6.30pm which can give a peaceful half hour break in the middle of the week)

At 9:15am on Sunday 9th June everyone will meet together in the church building for Pentecost All Age Worship. Do come along and join in with this very special celebration!

St Helen's Church (B91 2DA)

You are welcome to St Helen's at **10am** on the 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays. Worship in a modern space with a strong community feel and a range of traditional and contemporary music.

Tailored groups for children. **Jigsaw** meets at 4pm on the 3rd Sunday of each month – for more details see the start of this newsletter.

St Michael's Church (B91 1BS)

You are welcome to come along to St Michael's at **10.30am** every Sunday at Sharman's Cross Junior School (B91 1PH). We meet in the school hall where we create a warm, welcoming space for all ages to worship, with a creche for little ones and activities for children of all ages.

We love to welcome children and families to St Michael's, but please note that for the four Sundays of August there is no service at Sharman's Cross School. Instead, we will join St Helen's Church at their 10am service, to which you are very welcome.

Sr Michaels's Church will be back at Sharman's Cross School 10.30am in September.

Weekly Activities

OASIS *Tuesdays* in term time 9.15 – 10.15am in the Oliver Bird Hall.

A warm and welcoming space for parents to meet each week for friendship and support, share a cuppa and talk about love, life, family and faith. Toys are provided for the children to play with, while you enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, posh biscuits and time to chat with other parents.

Prams to Preschool - Praise and Play: Every *Friday* from 9.30am onwards in the Oliver Bird Hall.

Fun and fellowship for all. Come along and chat, eat biscuits, sing action songs and explore a bible story.

Continuing throughout the summer holidays except Friday 16th and Friday 23rd August.

St. Alphege Choirs: We are fortunate to have choirs for boys and girls from Year 3 upwards.

They rehearse weekly and sing at Sunday morning services and Choral Evensong.

Visit www.stalphegemusic.org.uk to find out more.

Parish Youth: There are lots of exciting things going on in the Parish for young people from Year 6 upwards run by the **Parish Youth** team.

Wednesdays (alternate weeks) 7pm – 8pm *Fridays* 5pm – 6pm and 6pm – 7.30pm

Women's Theology groups: All women are welcome to join us in discussing the Bible and how it applies to our daily lives. We meet twice each month with three different groups (Thursday 2pm, Thursday 7.30pm, Friday 10am) to choose from.

For more information and to sign up, please contact Charlotte Gibson:
chachagibson@gmail.com 0121 709 0668.

Other Activities in June & beyond

Messy Church: - 4.00 – 6.00pm at St Helen's Church. End of term picnic, Our usual time of craft, worship and lots of messy fun. Food will be provided but don't forget a picnic blanket to sit on! Everyone is welcome but please contact Linda Hicks in advance to book a place – telephone 0121 270 7390 or email l.hicks@solihullparish.org.uk

And make a note for the diary that after a break in August messy church will start back on Friday 13th September.

Jigsaw: A time to get together with others to explore a Bible story in lots of different ways, to sing and pray to God and to have tea together. It's for everyone and we hope it will be for you! **Jigsaw is taking a break in July and August but join us for the next session at St Helen's Church, St Helen's Road (off Buryfield Road), Solihull, B91 2DA on **Sunday 15th September at 4pm.****

Parish 20s/30s Group: Family BBQ. After the great success of our Gin tasting evening, kindly hosted by Nicola Laird, our next social is on Saturday 22nd June 1-4pm. This will be a BBQ at Sam's house, 17 Church Hill Close. All are welcome, and this is particularly good for families with children! All food is provided including for any special diets, bring a drink if you wish. Email to

RSVP: solihullcurate@gmail.com

Christian Men Together in Solihull. Fri 14th June, 6.15pm, Outside St Nicholas Church, B95 5GD. Summer Walk with a Pub Meal. Walk in the area round Henley followed by meal in Nags Head, High Street, B95 5BA. Please forward your menu choices by Wednesday 12th to arwilliams@dial.pipex.com.

Christian Men Together in Solihull. Sat 22nd June, 9am - 10am, Greville Arms, Men's Breakfast. - speaker Rev'd Chris Turner. £5 for full cooked breakfast with coffee/Tea.

St. Alphege Pre-school Groups (held in the Oliver Bird Hall)

Little Treasures: *Wednesdays* in term time 1pm – 2.30pm.

Drop-in 'play and stay' session for children aged 0 – 4. Early Help resources around children's milestones and development are on display and available to take home.

£4.50 per family includes refreshments.

Little Movers: *Mondays* in term time 9.30am – 11am. Activities to offer children the opportunity to further develop social, language and physical skills in the academic year they will turn two years old. Drop-in 'play and stay' session – no need to book. £4.50 per child (£1 additional siblings, maximum charge £6.00 per family) includes refreshments.

St. Alphege Pre-school: Ofsted 'Outstanding' for second consecutive inspection. Early years education for children in the academic year they will turn three years old. Monday to Friday term time 9.10am – 12.10pm. Applications on website <http://www.stalphege-preschool.org.uk/> or email request to manager@stalphege-preschool.org.uk



The youngest section in Scouts and open to both Boys and Girls aged 6 – 8. We take part in lots of activities which helps us make new friends, learn new skills, explore our world, play games but most of all have fun! Beavers meet on a Monday or Wednesday evening.

To find out how to get your child onto the waiting list please email:- waitinglist@6thSolihullScouts.org.uk Or to find out more information call Patrick Taylor (Group Scout Leader) 07711 062127

Family Information Form

The Parish are checking details of families who attend church services and activities in the Parish to ensure we have the correct information. Many families have now completed forms but if you haven't yet, please ask for one from the leader of the children's activity you attend or at the Parish Office.

Safeguarding

The Parish take safeguarding of everybody seriously but in particular children and vulnerable adults. We are all vulnerable adults at some time in our lives. It is everybody's responsibility so if you have a concern or allegation, including those in the past, regarding safeguarding in the church please raise it.

You can contact Viv Dobson, the Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator, on 07960 783636 or a member of the clergy.

Contact details are on noticeboards in each church as is a copy of the safeguarding policy. Information is also available on the website www.solihullparish.org.uk.