



## September 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 9.15am on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September everyone will meet together in the church building for All Age Worship**

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)

### **St Helen's Church (B91 2DA)**

You are welcome to St Helen's at **10am** on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## **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.

**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](http://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](mailto:chachagibson@gmail.com) 0121 709 0668.

## Other Activities in September & beyond

**Messy Church is back!** We would love you to join us for lots of messy fun, celebration and food. Suitable for families of all ages with lots of creative activities and hot child-friendly meal to finish. Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 4-6pm at St. Helens Church, St. Helens Road (off Buryfield Road) B91 2DA. £2 per person, £7 per family.

**Any why not make a note that Messy Church will also be meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> October and 8<sup>th</sup> November.**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September: Chorister for the Day** – an opportunity for children in year 3 and above to try being part of our choirs – come along to enjoy a fun session of singing, music theory and games. Girls meet at St Alphege Church in the morning at 11.30am, and boys meet at 3pm in the afternoon. Refreshments and supervision will be provided. Please email [isabelbaumber@btinternet.com](mailto:isabelbaumber@btinternet.com) to register your interest or if you have any queries.

**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! Join us for the next session at St Helen's Church, St Helen's Road (off Buryfield Road), Solihull, B91 2DA on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 4pm.**

## 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](mailto:manager@stalphege-preschool.org.uk)

**Christian Men Together** have their next breakfast coming up – for more details and to book contact Andrew Williams – [arwilliams399@gmail.com](mailto:arwilliams399@gmail.com)

**Breakfast:** Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 9am-10.30am – when our **Parish Curate, Sam Gibson**, is coming to speak about his unusual faith journey. A great breakfast for £5, with good company Greville Arms, Cornyx Lane, Solihull, B91 2RB. Do come and bring friends.

**Just Explore:** a course on Thursday evenings to **explore the key aspects of the Christian Faith**. Many have benefitted from this course, which is good for those who are exploring Christianity, for those who would like to refresh their faith, and for those who are considering confirmation. Lots of opportunity to discuss and raise questions. This year the course starts on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November in the OBH. More details on [www.solihullparish.org.uk](http://www.solihullparish.org.uk) and look under the three menu dots on the right side of the home page, or contact Andrew Williams – [arwilliams399@gmail.com](mailto:arwilliams399@gmail.com)



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](mailto: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](http://www.solihullparish.org.uk).