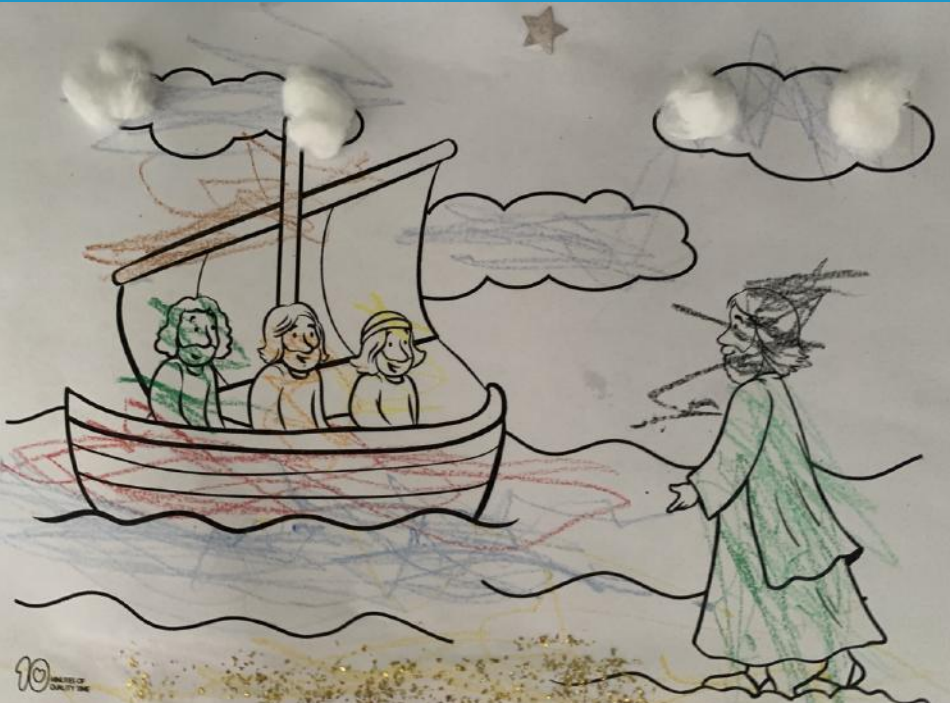


FAMILIES NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2020



We are making plans for the Junction to go online. It will be so good to worship again as a Junction community. We are also looking into what might be possible with Messy Church. Look out for exciting information about that too!



Jesus walking on the water

We love to receive photos of your artwork.

Here's Joshua's fabulous picture of Jesus walking on the water.

Send in your picture and look out to see if it appears in next month's newsletter!

Praise and Play It's been wonderful to share Praise and Play with you every week. We won't be able to meet in person for a while yet so as older children return to school do join us every Friday morning either via Facebook or the Parish website when a video will go live at 9.30am. We can enjoy our usual four action songs, sing Happy Birthday, listen to a bible story and join together in prayer. A new craft is shared each week to accompany the bible story. We love to receive your feedback. Here are a few examples of what people have said:

"S and P loved Praise and Play this week and we chose to do it on Sunday again. They whole-heartedly participated in every song with actions and absolutely loved painting rainbows!"

"From Saturday afternoon S asked eagerly (and more than once): "Is it Praise and Play tomorrow?" It's so lovely that it is meaning so much to them, it means a lot to me too. Thank-you to you and Sue for providing us with the online session."

A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

As preparations for a new school year gather pace we give thanks that God is with us. We give thanks that God is with everyone returning to or starting preschool, nursery or school. We pray for all who will continue to learn at home.

THANK-YOU!

A big thank you to all those involved in planning and running all the services in the parish at the moment under difficult circumstances. We are not able to provide separate activities for children at present but why not think about going along to a service? Do remember that if you go as a family the children will need to sit with you throughout and you need to book in advance. To book either email or call Ann and Prem in the Parish Office at: office@solihullparish.org.uk/ 0121 705 5350.

PARISH YOUTH

Joe Minall will continue to meet on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday with the Parish Youth between 4-5pm on Zoom.

Mix of games, bible discussions and chat. It is hoped that some face to face contact will take place soon so watch out for news!

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NEWS JUST IN!

Watch Sam Gibson's Licensing service on Friday 4 September 7.30pm as he becomes the Vicar of St George's Church Edgbaston <https://www.facebook.com/stgeorgesedgbastonservices/>



by Isabel Baumber

Instead of the normal routine of online choir practices, over recent weeks we ran a choir summer school. Just before the end of term, a day of online auditions took place. The auditions ran smoothly and we made full use of some of the functionality of Zoom, such as breakout rooms where senior choristers helped visiting children to warm up and prepare for their audition, before they moved to another breakout room for Joe and Pam to listen to them. Children had been asked to prepare 'Somewhere over the Rainbow' and Joe was very impressed with the work they had put in ahead of the auditions.

The summer school consisted of weekly group sessions looking at music theory, singing technique, choral repertoire and some film and musical theatre songs. We had three groups all meeting on Zoom, children of different of ages, both visitors and our own choristers. The children were a delight to work with - they participated well and learned alot. Our senior choristers supported the sessions with singing demonstrations and preparing games and quizzes - it was great to have their help and involvement.

For one of the last sessions, we were delighted to be able to meet outdoors face-to-face and enjoyed some music theory competitions and some carefully managed games. We are grateful to Andy Hopkins for running the games and bringing his experience of working safely in school during the summer term.

We are currently exploring a safe return to singing in church, with careful safety measures being prepared.

If any child who enjoys singing and music would like to find out more about our choirs, contact isabel@solihullparish.org.uk

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The choir summer school took place during August 2020



Loving God, bless my family today. Amen