



FAMILIES NEWSLETTER

January 2021 *Happy New Year!*

The Junction

Every Sunday 9.15

December was a joyful time at the Junction! We started the month with a Christingle Scavenger hunt, the following week we were treated to a great sketch and a brilliant song from the wonderful Parish puppet team. On the 20th December we had our Junction Nativity and it was wonderful that so many people dressed up, we had Mary and Joseph, lots of angels and shepherds and some wise men and people also brought things along to represent their favourite part of the Christmas story and everyone enthusiastically joined in with a retelling of the Christmas story with lots of participation. Parents consented to a photo being taken of the Zoom screens at the end and it was wonderful to capture a flavour of the Junction via Zoom (images on page 2).

Here's what's coming up in January

3rd January – Following the star

Bring along a band of paper and some star shapes ready to make a crown together.



10th January – Baptism

Bring along a baby doll, a teddy or a favourite toy and a bowl of water which we will use to help us think about the symbols of Baptism.



17th January – Hearing God's call

We'll be watching a video about Samuel hearing God's voice and thinking about what God might be calling us to do to serve.

24th January – Jesus changes water to wine

Get ready to take part in a kahoots quiz all about Jesus' miracles.

31st January – Candlemas

Bring along paper, scissors and glue ready to make a paper lantern.

If you would like to attend you will need to register with Linda in advance via email l.hicks@solihullparish.org.uk to receive the Zoom link.

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PRAISE & PLAY

Praise and Play starts back on the 8th January and continues every Friday morning. Join us for our usual four action songs, a bible story, and prayer either via Facebook or the Parish website when a video will go live at 9.30am. We've loved receiving photos of your artwork, keep them coming!

<https://www.solihullparish.org.uk>

JUNCTION FACEBOOK PAGE

Did you know we now have a Junction Facebook page? We'd love you to Like it! Search for The Junction Solihull Parish on Facebook.

PARISH YOUTH

The Youth December Advent Calendar on Instagram followed the nativity story. Behind each door every day was a short selection from a Bible passage with the verses in translations to be used to read the full selection.

Incredibly poignant this year was the daily picture of the wonderful shared experiences that the Youth Group have had over the past years:-

- Services - reading, prayers and sharing
- Soul Survivor trips
- Summer Games in the park
- The Youth Bake Off
- Mario Kart Games
- Carol Singing
- Being together

Here's hoping that 2021 will bring many more memories for our fantastic Youth. Interested in joining? Contact Joe

joe.minall@solihullparish.org.uk or via Instagram @solihullparishyouth



Remembering Christmas 2020

We do love to receive feedback, this is what one parent said after the Nativity:

**"December
was joyful at
The Junction"**

How wonderful it was this morning!
It really has a sense of community even though we're all logging in from our homes.
Thank you again to you and your team for giving us this opportunity
every week to pray, reflect and connect with others.

**Thank-you to all the parents who have let us share
photographs of the Zoom screens.**



The Choirs of St Alphege - A Virtual Christmas Card

Throughout October and November, boys and girls from St Alphege Choirs worked hard to create a virtual Christmas card to share in the hope that they could bring some comfort and joy through music and my goodness they really did!

The virtual card was sent to local care homes and family members of participating children and they encouraged people to get in touch if they knew of other homes that would also enjoy it. They even got a mention on ITV Central News and the video was shared on our own local Solihull Updates!



Marie Curie Hospice - Marsh Lane, Solihull

The following comment is from Marie Curie and makes us all incredibly proud of our wonderful Choirs and the tireless work that our Director of Music Joe Cooper and Isabel Baumber do behind the scenes:

"Patients, relatives and staff at the Hospice were treated to singing from Solihull St Alphege Choir for Christmas. The Choir followed all Covid safety measures and performed outside patient's bedrooms and took requests. Thank you to all members of the Choir for your support!"



Like to know more about our Choirs?
Do you have children (or adults!) who are interested?
Contact Isabel: isabel@solihullparish.org.uk

We cant wait to see what they will achieve in 2021!