

# FAMILIES NEWSLETTER



*As our Rector, Jane, began her retirement on Monday 1st February. We wish her every happiness and look forward to saying a proper good-bye when Covid restrictions ease.*

## February 2021

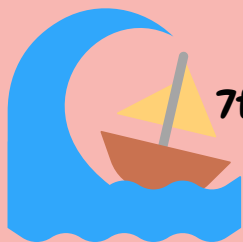
## The Junction

Every Sunday 9.15

**It was a busy month at the Junction in January!**

We made crowns to celebrate Epiphany, we learnt about Baptism, thought about what we're called to do, enjoyed a Kahoot quiz about miracles and made a lantern to celebrate Candlemas.

### Here's a what's coming up in February



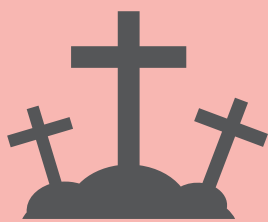
**7th February – The Storm on the Lake**

Find out something about the story and tell us about it as we get ready to start worship.



**14th February – Love**

Rusty the dog will be joining us to help us think about love and we will be decorating a heart during the session.



**21st February – Lent**

Tell us what you are giving up or taking up for Lent and get ready to take part in a Kahoots quiz all about Lent.

**28th February – Jesus Feeds a crowd**

What's your favourite food and would you share it with someone else?

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

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## PRAISE & PLAY

Praise and Play 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 art work, 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.

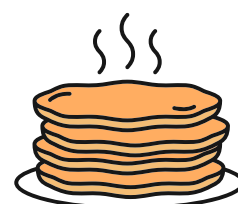
## PARISH YOUTH

The Youth continue to meet over Zoom. Interested in joining? Contact Joe

[joe.minall@solihullparish.org.uk](mailto:joe.minall@solihullparish.org.uk) or via Instagram @solihullparishyouth

## Parish Pancake Party!

It's happening over Zoom!  
Shrove Tuesday 16th February  
Full details on the next page...





## Virtual Pancake Party 2021

6pm Shrove Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> February



Despite the challenging times we would still like to gather as a Church Community to celebrate Shrove Tuesday so Mothers' Union invite you to have some *flipping fun* at our virtual party!

The party will last around 40 minutes and will comprise of a Pancake Tossing Competition and a Quiz on Shrove Tuesday facts. You are also invited to share your favourite / most outrageous pancake toppings!

If you would like to join us please register by sending a **contact name** and **email** address to [pancake@solihullparish.org.uk](mailto:pancake@solihullparish.org.uk) **no later than 4pm on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February**. The link for the party will then be sent out to you prior to our celebrations.

***Please note that all children under 11 years attending our virtual party must be accompanied throughout by an adult, youngsters 11-18 years attending solo, require parental permission which should be given when registering for the event.***

Although this is normally the main parish fundraising event in our calendar there is no charge for joining. However if you would like to make a donation to Mothers' Union to support the work it does, please use the details below.

Instructions for online banking transfer for donations:  
Bank : HSBC Beneficiary  
Name: St Alphege Mothers' Union  
Sort Code: 40-42-12  
Account No: 71771396  
Reference Info (to identify payment): **Pancake(surname)**

For details on our fundraising projects please visit  
[www.solihullparish.org.uk/mothers-union/](http://www.solihullparish.org.uk/mothers-union/)

We look forward to seeing you 'on screen' soon!



***Start practising your flipping now!***

**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families

# The Choirs of St Alphege

*There has been a really good response  
to the lockdown music school for children.*

## Remember for adults.....

We're offering a new activity, 'Singing for Wellbeing' which we hope will help adults who are lonely or furloughed, and will bring them some of the well-documented benefits of music for their mental health and overall wellbeing.

Interested?

For the Zoom link email:  
joecooper1@hotmail.co.uk



## For Moms & Dads - Solihull Parish Lent Course

We are planning to hold a number of online Zoom groups during Lent in all three of the churches in the Parish starting the week commencing 21 February (or possibly the following week).

You are invited to join a group to do a study based on the film 'The Way'. This stars Martin Sheen as a bereaved father walking the Way of St James to Santiago de Compostela. The five-part study course 'The Long Road to Heaven' by Tim Heaton explores Christian understandings of salvation.

We hope there will be several groups for each of the churches so if you are interested please contact the organiser for your church by Friday 19 February. The courses will be run on Zoom with clips from the film included. Each participant will need a book and these have been ordered for the parish at the reduced price of £5.

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St Michael's: Paul Smith 0121 705 1377 [paul.jen@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:paul.jen@hotmail.co.uk)  
St Helen's: Chris Carrington 0121 705 0902 [chrisandjennycarrington@gmail.com](mailto:chrisandjennycarrington@gmail.com)



An exciting and outstanding course that I highly recommend.

**The Venerable Paul Taylor**

## Finally....

### Have you submitted your application for a place at St Alphege preschool?

As so much is different for us all at present and it is so easy to overlook things, the St Alphege preschool committee have extended the date for St Alphege preschool applications to Sunday 14th February. The current application process for places starting September 2021 is for children born between 1st September 2018 and the 31st August 2019. **If you are intending to apply then do get your application completed and submitted as a matter of urgency.** If you have any queries whatsoever do contact the St Alphege preschool chair: [chair@stalphege-preschool.org.uk](mailto:chair@stalphege-preschool.org.uk) or vicechair: [vicechair@stalphege-preschool.org.uk](mailto:vicechair@stalphege-preschool.org.uk)  
They will be very happy to help.