



FAMILIES NEWSLETTER

October 2021



While the children are settling into preschool, Nursery and school, The Junction will continue to meet over Zoom with the usual mix of songs, bible stories, prayers and activities. Exciting news about November on page 2!

10TH HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Bring along something from the outdoors that makes you think of Autumn

Parish Bring & Share lunch
Oliver Bird Hall 12 noon onwards
(More details on p2)

17TH REAL LIFE SUPER HEROES

Come along dressed as a real life superhero
What will you choose?



24TH BIBLE SUNDAY

Bring along a Bible or Bible Story book and tell us why it's special to you

31ST ALL SAINTS DAY

Take part in a Kahoot Quiz all about Saints

Like to attend? Register with Linda Hicks

l.hicks@solihullparish.org.uk
to receive the Zoom link.

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PRAISE & PLAY

Praise and Play will meet in person at 9.30 am every Friday morning. A mix of songs, a Bible story, craft and chat, but you'll need to bring your own drinks and biscuits!

Booking is ESSENTIAL and numbers will be limited so please email Linda Hicks: l.hicks@solihullparish.org.uk to book.

THE JUNCTION FACEBOOK PAGE

Thank-you to everyone who has followed the Junction's Facebook page.

If you haven't found it yet, it's a great way to find out what's going on and we'd love you to Like it!

PARISH YOUTH

All weekly sessions are now face to face. To keep track follow the youth Instagram account or get your young person involved with the youth WhatsApp group.

For more details/book a place, contact Joe: j.minall@solihullparish.org.uk
www.instagram.com/solihullparishyouth

CHOIRS OF ST ALPHEGE

For more details contact Isabel Baumber: isabel@solihullparish.org.uk.

NOVEMBER JUNCTION NEWS



You may have already heard the exciting news that we're working towards the Junction being able to meet in person from November but we're going to need lots of help to make that happen! We will need people to set out the chairs and clear them away, we'll need people to welcome and register everyone as they arrive, we'll need people to operate the AV equipment. Please do have a think how you might be able to help and get in touch with Linda

l.hicks@solihullparish.org.uk

At the 10.30am there will be a Harvest Thanksgiving service in St Alphege church building and at that service a group of wonderful junior school age children will be receiving there First Communion which is a very special occasion indeed.



This year we would appreciate gifts of food which can be sent to the Helping Hands foodbank at Renewal <https://renewalcc.com/helpinghands> They urgently need:

Tinned fish, tinned meat, Jam, Marmalade, Honey, Tinned Baked beans, Tinned Spaghetti, Tinned vegetables and potatoes, Tinned tomatoes, Tinned beans, pulses, lentils, Instant Mashed potato, Pasta'n' sauce, Microwave pasta and rice, Tea bags (preferably 40s) Long-life milk, Tinned fruit, Tinned Rice pudding, Tinned or carton custard, packets of biscuits, Packets of crisps. Tins with ring pulls please, no dried pasta or rice needed at present. **DONATE AT THE 10.30AM SERVICE, WHEN CHURCH IS OPEN ON THURSDAY 7TH BETWEEN 10AM AND 12.30PM OR BRING ALONG TO THE BRING & SHARE LUNCH** (more details on next page)

BRING & SHARE LUNCH

Sunday 10th October - Oliver Bird Hall

It is really exciting to be able to tell you about our first St Alphege social event for a very long time: This will be our first chance to meet together socially for a long time so we would love to see you gathering in the OBH around midday. We shall be celebrating Harvest Festival and the wonderful occasion for our First Communicants whilst also thinking about net zero carbon and Climate Challenge. To assist with planning, it would be helpful if you could book places through Ann Colloby, at the Parish Office, 0121 705 5350. Please bring your own cutlery and crockery. There will be a bar available!

You will see that at the Bring and Share lunch there will be a focus on Climate challenge and some of you will remember that a few weeks ago at the Junction we made bird feeders out of recycled materials. Do let me have any photos you have of your bird feeders so that we can display them at the lunch and if you could bring them along to the lunch that would be fantastic! Thank-you for the photos that we have already received!

You might remember that the day we made the bird feeders Linda mentioned that she had registered each of the Churches in our parish to take part in the Creation Care Scheme which aims to encourage households to make changes to care for God's earth. To get started go to <https://creationcare.org.uk/about/> and click on the link to register your household and you can then make a start by completing a questionnaire that covers 7 different areas. This will tell you how well your household is doing at each of these aspects of caring for creation, and hopefully give you ideas of ways you can improve. Once you reach an award level, you receive a certificate. There are 3 levels of awards; Gold, Silver and Bronze. Linda is the nominated contact person for the scheme so will be advised when households have received an award level and it would be fantastic to be able to give out one or two certificates at the Bring & Share lunch, to celebrate what households have achieved, and inspire others to take part. One of the sections is about the garden and you get points for having a bird feeder so if you made one of those at the Junction you're well on the way to getting a certificate! (Check out a picture of one of the amazing bird feeders on p4).



We are so pleased to be able to let you know that Messy Church is back on Friday 15 October 4-5pm at St Helen's Church, St Helen's Road, B91 2DA (off Buryfield Rd).

We won't be serving tea on this occasion, but hopefully it won't be too long before that is possible!

Cost, £2 per person, max £7 per family, places are limited.

Booking is essential.

Email Linda: l.hicks@solihullparish.org.uk to book your place!



Creation Care Scheme

LET'S GET BUSY!