



# FAMILIES NEWSLETTER

## November 2021



From November worship for families at St Alphege is going to be a bit different!

### SUNDAY WORSHIP FOR FAMILIES

The Junction will meet **IN PERSON** at 9.15am in the Oliver Bird Hall on 7th and 21st November. To help us to plan we would love you to let us know if you are going to attend on the 7th but after that no need to book for the in person Junction.

### 14TH REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Today all ages will worship together in the St Alphege church building at 9.15am. The music will be led by the worship band, Fr Simon will be telling a very special story and we will be laying poppies.

12th December will be a very special Christingle service in the church building at 9.15am. Make a note of the date!

**For a number of families meeting in person is not currently an option**

To ensure that all families still have an opportunity to worship as part of the St Alphege community, **the Junction will meet over Zoom**, instead of in person, on one Sunday each month. In November that will be the fourth Sunday, **28 November**.

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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. There will be drinks and biscuits available so do bring along a spill proof cup and help yourself to a drink if you would like to.

Booking is **ESSENTIAL** and numbers will be limited so please email Linda Hicks: [l.hicks@solihullparish.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:j.minall@solihullparish.org.uk)  
[www.instagram.com/solihullparishyouth](https://www.instagram.com/solihullparishyouth)

### CHOIRS OF ST ALPHEGE

For more details contact Isabel Baumber: [isabel@solihullparish.org.uk](mailto:isabel@solihullparish.org.uk).



## ST HELEN'S CHURCH

**Every Sunday at 10am**

Worship in a modern space with a community feel with activity packs available for children,

St Helen's is also the location for our monthly Messy Church event.

## ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH



**Every Sunday in term time at 10.30am there is worship in the Sharmans Cross Junior School hall where a warm and welcoming space is created for all ages to worship.**

There is a creche for little ones and activities for children of all ages.

On the 14th November everyone will worship together with activities for all ages.

**Any questions about the above do get in touch with  
Linda Hicks, Director of Children's and Families Ministry  
[l.hicks@solihullparish.org.uk](mailto:l.hicks@solihullparish.org.uk)**





## ONE LIGHT, ONE VISION

**On Sunday 21 November 5pm,**  
**St Alphege Junior School** - A very special parish wide service will take place on the last liturgical Sunday of the year, everyone is warmly invited to attend. "The 21st November is Christ the King, the last Sunday of the year, so a good moment to reflect back (in thankfulness and penitence for what has been) and prayerfully look forward to what will be". Nick Parker, Area Dean for Yardley and Solihull.

## MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church is back!! In October we had a wonderful time celebrating Harvest.



***The next Messy Church session is Friday 19th November 4-5pm at St Helen's Church, St Helen's Road B91 2DA (off Buryfield Road).***

We won't be serving tea on this occasion but hopefully it won't be too long before that is possible! The cost is £2 per child or £7 per family.

**Places are limited and booking is essential so  
 do book early to secure your place.  
 Email Linda at: [l.hicks@solihullparish.org.uk](mailto:l.hicks@solihullparish.org.uk)**

# FIRST COMMUNION



Sunday 10th October 2021

Sunday 10th October was a very special day at St Alphege church when 11 children received their First Communion.

Some of them had waited patiently for over 18 months, so it was wonderful to see a packed church for this special occasion. Please do pray for the children as they continue their journey of faith.



# THE BIG LEAF COLLECTION

Saturday 6th November

**Can you help on Saturday 6th November for an hour  
between 10am and 1pm to collect up all of the year's  
fallen leaves in St Alphege churchyard?**

In previous years over 150 black bags of leaves have been collected,  
all of which have been recycled on a local set of allotments.  
The quantity of leaves that are collected up is in direct proportion  
to the number of volunteers who turn up on the day!

There are tasks to suit all ages, and families with children  
are especially welcome to attend.  
The children generally have great fun playing with the leaves!  
We have lots of plastic rakes, brooms, bags etc.  
Refreshments are provided for all ages.

**No booking required!**

