



FAMILIES NEWSLETTER

November 2023



Sunday worship for families

In the St Alphege church building at 9.15am on **12th November** there will be a very special **All Age Remembrance service**.

Here are the themes for the Junction in November

5th November God's Saints 9.15am in the Oliver Bird Hall - The puppet team will be joining us to help us celebrate All Saints Day and of course we'll be doing a craft activity.

19th November International Children's Day 9.15am in the Oliver Bird Hall - We'll hear the story of Jesus and the children and we'll do a craft activity to remind us that we are all special and Jesus loves us.

26th November Christ the King 9.15am On ZOOM - Jesus is a King, but not like most of the kings we know of. What does a King do? What makes Jesus a special sort of King? We'll be making crowns so bring along some card/paper and lots of stickers/jewels (Contact Linda l.hicks@solihullparish.org.uk to register to receive the zoom link)

St Helen's Sunday Club 22nd October - Join us at St Helen's Church, St Helen's Road (off Buryfield Road), B91 2DA at 10am on the 4th Sunday of each month for an exciting action-packed session for children age 0-11. Don't miss it! For more information contact Linda Hicks l.hicks@solihullparish.org.uk

St Michael's - Every Sunday in term time at 10.30am at St Michael's Church there is worship in the school hall where a warm and welcoming space is created for all ages to worship





PRAISE & PLAY

Praise and Play meets every Friday morning in the Oliver Bird Hall 9.30 am - 10.30 am for a mix of songs, a Bible story, craft, toys and a chat. Come along and join in the fun and enjoy a hot drink and a biscuit. Email Linda Hicks: l.hicks@solihullparish.org.uk for more information



ST ALPHEGE PRESCHOOL

Places available to START NOW
Email Manager@stalphege-preschool.org.uk for more information

MESSY CHURCH

The next Messy Church session is on Friday 17th November 4pm-6pm at St Helen's Church, St Helen's Road, B91 2DA (off Buryfield Road.) Activities for families of all shapes and sizes with lots of hands-on, crafty fun - followed by a celebration including a story and a prayer. We'll finish with a tasty hot tea for everyone! Cost: £2 per person, max £7 per family. Booking is essential so email Linda.l.hicks@solihullparish.org.uk to secure your place.

The Big Leaf Collection

Can you help on Saturday 4th November for an hour between 10am and 1 pm 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

Toy Collection

Linda Hicks is seeking donations of **new** toys and gifts (no battery or electronic toys, and please do not wrap them) which will be distributed throughout "Thrive Together Birmingham's" community networks to those children and young people within Birmingham who are most vulnerable and in need in this difficult time. Please drop the items off at the Parish Office in the Oliver Bird Hall by Thursday 7th December or bring them along to the Junction in the Oliver Bird Hall anytime before that date.

MINIMS

Does your child enjoy singing? Would you like your child's confidence increased through the joy of music? Minims is a training programme set up by St Alphege Choirs for those children too young to take part in the famous church choirs. ALL CHILDREN AGED 5-6 WELCOME every Thursday during term time 5.10 pm - 5.40 pm in St Alphege Church. Parents are asked to accompany their child for the half-hour session. Please contact Chris (Director of Music at St Alphege Church) on email c.thomas@solihullparish.org.uk There is no charge to join Minims.

