

# Silent Night Holy Night

# Advent & Christmas Services and Events in Solihull Parish



We are offering a variety of services and events to celebrate this special time of year; you are all warmly invited to attend any of the events and services as you wish - everyone is welcome at all our churches. We hope to see you soon.

#### Sunday 1 December

Advent Carol Service - 5.00pm - at St Alphege Church - a moving and atmospheric candlelit service to mark the start of the new church year.

#### Sunday 8 December

All Age Christingle Holy Communion - 9.15am - at St Alphege Church - a joyful celebration where we make our own Christingles to take home after the service.

**Community Carol Service - 4.00pm - at St Helen's Church** - an outdoor service with familiar carols and refreshments afterwards.

## Saturday 14 December

# Cancer Research UK Christmas Concert 'Carols for Life' - 7.00pm - at St Alphege Church -

featuring St Alphege Church Choirs, a festive evening of carols and readings followed by wine and mince pies, raising funds for Cancer Research UK. Tickets: Adults £12, 5-18s £5, under 5s free, available from John Emmett, email jxemmett@gmail.com, tel 07812 566495 or book online at www.trybooking.com/uk/DWDD.

## Sunday 15 December

**The Junction Nativity - 9.15am - at the Oliver Bird Hall** - a family-focussed service - come along dressed as your favourite Nativity character!

## Wednesday 18 December

**Rising Stars Carol Festival - 6.00pm - at St Alphege Church -** featuring four local junior school choirs from our Choral Outreach Project singing festive favourites.



# Friday 20 December

**Christmas Messy Church - 4.00pm - at St Helen's Church -** Nativity-themed activities, worship featuring the Solihull Parish puppets and a hot meal. Please book via email I.hicks@solihullparish.org.uk - cost £2, maximum £7 per family.

## Sunday 22 December

The Junction with St Helen's Sunday Club - 10.00am - at St Helen's Church - come along to take part in lots of Nativity-related fun!

**St Michael's Carol Service - 4.30pm - at Sharman's Cross School** - with music led by the worship band, this service includes bible readings, poems and carols.

**Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols - 5.00pm - at St Alphege Church -** this beautiful service is most famous through its broadcasts from King's College, Cambridge. Congregational and choir carols are included and members of the local community join us to read lessons.

#### **Christmas Eve - Tuesday 24 December**

**Crib Services - 3.00pm and 4.15pm - St Alphege Church** - everyone is welcome to attend these short informal services and to participate in the Christmas story as the Nativity figures are brought to the crib.

**Midnight Mass 11.30pm - St Alphege Church** - with carols from 11.10pm - as Christmas Eve gives way to Christmas Day we share the good news of the birth of Christ with this traditional and joyous service.

#### **Christmas Day - Wednesday 25 December**

Everyone of all ages is warmly welcome to join us for these very special Christmas Day services where we remember the birth of Christ.

8.00am - St Alphege Church - Said Eucharist
10.30am - St Alphege Church - Sung Eucharist
10.00am - St Michael's & St Helen's together at St Helen's Church - Holy Communion



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St Alphege Church Church Hill Road B91 3RQ St Helen's Church St Helen's Road B91 2DA

St Michael's Church Sharmans Cross School Sharmans Cross Road B91 2PH The Junction Oliver Bird Hall Church Hill Road B91 3RQ

'The shepherds went back, singing praises to God for all they had heard and seen; it had been just as the angel had told them.' Luke 2.20











