



Families Newsletter

November 2024



Sunday worship for families

The Junction is a short family focussed service that meets at 9.15am on Sunday mornings in the Oliver Bird Hall. Here are the themes for the Junction in November:

3 Nov **God's Saints** – We will be meeting in the St Alphege church building to celebrate All Saints Day. We'll be looking round the church building to see which Saints we can find and of course we'll be doing a craft activity.



17 Nov **Tree planting Sunday** – Hopefully we'll be spending time outdoors and will be making a gratitude tree. **After the Junction everyone is invited to stay and help plant trees donated by the Woodland Trust around the OBH site.**

24 Nov **Christ the King** The Junction will be joining the Sunday club at St Helen's (see below for more information)

In the St Alphege church building at 9.15am on 10th November there will be a very special **All age Remembrance service.**

St Helen's Sunday club Sunday 24th November! Join us at St Helen's Church, St Helen's Road, B91 2DA (off Buryfield Road) at 10am when we'll be celebrating Christ the King. 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!

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. There are activities for children of all ages.





PAUSE & PRAY

Starting from 4th November parents and carers are invited to Pause with Sue and Linda in the Oliver Bird Hall for half an hour on Monday mornings immediately after school drop off to reflect on the week ahead and to Pray for our schools, our children and ourselves. And there will be pastries and good coffee!!



PRAISE & PLAY

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

MESSY CHURCH

The next Messy Church session is on Friday 15th 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 e mail Linda l.hicks@solihullparish.org.uk to secure your place.



THE BIG LEAF COLLECTION

Can you help on Saturday 2nd 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.

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 at this difficult time. Please drop the items off at the Parish office in the Oliver Bird Hall by Thursday 5th December or bring them along to the Junction in the Oliver Bird Hall any time before that date.

