

Sodbury Vale Benefice

12 th May 7 th Sunday of Easter		
9.30am	Confirmation Service <i>With Bishop Robert</i>	Chipping Sodbury
11.15am	Morning Worship <i>Tania Manners</i>	Old Sodbury
11.15am	Holy Communion <i>Rev Chris Butler</i>	Horton
6.00pm	Evensong <i>Rev Chris Butler</i>	Little Sodbury

Collect for Seventh Sunday of Easter

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Readings for Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1: 15 – 17,
21 - end

John 17: 6 - 19

A special welcome to Bishop Robert and the confirmation candidates, Sally, Edith, Charlotte, Julie and Will for the **Confirmation Service** at Chipping Sodbury at 9.30am, please hold the candidates in your prayers.

Teas on Sundays returns to Old Sodbury from the 27th May, running until the 26th August. Come and enjoy tea and cakes and hopefully wonderful views in the sunshine between 2.30 and 4.30 on Sunday afternoons, and Bank Holiday Mondays!

On Wednesday May 15th **SVB Strollers** are off to the Wye Valley for a 5 mile walk in the footsteps of Valentine Morris. If you'd like to join the walk meet at 0930 a.m. at The Ridings Car Park to share lifts. Everyone welcome and the plan is to have a pub lunch at the end of the walk. More details on the Benefice Website.

There will be a **sponsored Abseil at Chipping Sodbury Church** on Saturday June 8th, so if you have a good head for heights and fancy abseiling – or if you hate heights and really fancy a challenge let Anne Vickers know at a.e.vickers@talk21.com if you are interested. **Do** ask your friends and family if they would like to take on this challenge. If you don't want to abseil, please put the date in your diary to support those that do and help out on the ground. We will be serving coffee, tea and cake all day and Soup and rolls over lunch.

Rev Jane J-W will 'happily' abseil if there is enough sponsorship for her – so please let her know if you would like to sponsor her.

For those of you who knew him the funeral of **John Harris** will be held at Westerleigh Crematorium at 12.30 on the Monday 13th May, you would be welcome to attend.

If you are reading this virtually there will be a **Book Sale and Coffee morning** on Saturday 11th May in the Church Centre in Aid of CS Church Funds, do come along and support it.

LENT SMARTIE TUBE CHALLENGE, We are extremely grateful to everyone who participated in this challenge, our Church family, friends and relations, and are pleased to be able to tell you that we have raised £1,116.50. This sum includes all the gift aid collected. We hope you enjoyed the smarties!!!!
We mustn't forget that this fantastic sum was possible through the donations of boxes of smarties from Tesco Extra Yate and Morrisons Yate.
Hilary Hurley Chipping Sodbury PCC

The **technical workshop** has been rearranged for Saturday 25th May at 10am at the Church Centre, please let Frank know if you would like to attend.

The Church Office now has a working phone line! I am so sorry if you have tried to make contact in the last month, hopefully normal service will now be resumed! *Michelle*

Bev Hope-Bell thanks everyone for their encouragement of messages prayers and gifts which helped in doing his Cotswold Way Walk. Over £2000 was raised for St David's Hospice, Newport.

Thursday 16th May		
10.00am	Holy Communion <i>Revd Steve Abbott</i>	Church Centre
19th May Pentecost		
9.30am	All Age Communion with Baptism <i>Revd Chris Butler</i>	Chipping Sodbury
11.15am	Holy Communion <i>Revd Chris Butler</i>	Old Sodbury
11.15am	Morning Prayer <i>TBC</i>	Horton
6.00pm	Evensong <i>Revd Colin Lunt</i>	Little Sodbury

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