



# Sodbury Vale Benefice

## 19<sup>th</sup> January Week of Christian Unity

9.30am	All Age Communion <i>Revd Jane Jones-Williams</i>	Chipping Sodbury
11.15am	Holy Communion <i>Revd Chris Butler</i>	Old Sodbury
11.15am	Morning Prayer <i>Revd Colin Lunt</i>	Horton
4.00pm	Evensong <i>Tania Manners</i>	Little Sodbury
6.30pm	Churches Together Unity Service <i>Revd Chris Butler, Rev Jane Jones-Williams, Tania Manners</i>	Chipping Sodbury

### Readings

1 Corinthians 12: 1 – 11  
John 2: 1 - 11

On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> we welcome our local churches to Chipping Sodbury Church for a 'Churches Together Unity Service' at 6.30pm. Do come along to support it if you can.

If you are reading this virtually don't forget the **Book Sale** on

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January from 10 – 12 at the Church Centre. Lots of interesting books, homemade cake, coffee and the legendary Tombola.

We all like to pretend that ageing only happens to others and not us. **Ageing Gracefully** is a course for those who are ready to face up to this reality. Through biblical themes we will try to

understand God's purposes in a long life. Together we will explore how Christians might respond to the challenges we often face towards the end of our earthly life – both in ourselves and in caring for those we love. What might it mean to remain fresh and green still bearing fruit in old age? The course will run over six sessions with a break:

	Sessions 2.00 – 4.00pm VENUE: Church Centre, Chipping Sodbury	Date
1	What do I mean by ageing?	22 <sup>nd</sup> January
2	God's purpose in ageing	29 <sup>th</sup> January
3	Finding healing in the Fourth Age	5 <sup>th</sup> February
4	Giving and receiving care	12 <sup>th</sup> February
5	Dementia and personhood	19 <sup>th</sup> February
6	'Ars moriendi' or the art of dying well	26 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>Maximum numbers 25 so be sure to book a place soon!</b>		

*We are very fortunate to offer this course to the Benefice led by Dr Ian Donald. Ian was a consultant in Old Age medicine at Gloucester until 2020 having qualified from Cambridge and Edinburgh and trained in Nottingham. His long-standing interest in the organisation of services for older people in the community stems from his family background of general practice and in his last ten years of work on developing acute 'front door' frailty services. He is married to Philippa, a retired vicar in the Seven Towers Benefice and has three married sons and three granddaughters. He is a Trustee with Age UK and Chair of Trustees at Harnhill Christian Healing Centre.*

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**DEADLINE:** FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025

The call to worship in Chipping Sodbury is a bit quieter at the moment! The clappers in the church **bells** have gone away for maintenance and refurbishment and will hopefully be back in the not-too-distant future. So, until they return there will not be any ding-dongs on Sunday mornings!

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**

10.00am Holy Communion Church Centre  
*Revd Chris Axford*

**26<sup>th</sup> January  
Third Sunday of Epiphany**

9.30am Holy Communion Chipping Sodbury  
*Revd Chris Butler*

11.15am Morning Prayer Old Sodbury  
*Revd Catherine Coster*

11.15am Holy Communion Horton  
*Revd Chris Butler*

4.00pm Holy Communion Little Sodbury  
*Revd Chris Butler*

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