



Sodbury Vale Benefice

Sunday 6th April
Fifth Sunday of Lent

9.30am	St John's Praise <i>Revd Jane Jones-Williams and Tania Manners</i>	Chipping Sodbury
11.15am	Holy Communion <i>Revd Chris Butler and Revd Pauline Green</i>	Old Sodbury
11.15am	Morning Prayer <i>Mike Swain</i>	Horton
6.00pm*	Evensong <i>Tania Manners</i>	Little Sodbury

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Readings

Isaiah 42: 16 - 21
John 12: 1 - 8

Do remember, this year we have to completely renew the **electoral rolls** in our churches, so please complete a form to ensure you remain on the roll. If you're haven't been on the roll before, *why should you join?* The electoral roll is an important way of confirming your commitment to the parish and the Sodbury Vale Benefice community and to the vision of its churches. But it also opens the way for greater involvement in the life of

the Church of England, at Deanery, Diocesan and national levels. By joining, you become entitled to participate in the government of the church and to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, where the elections take place for the Parochial Church Council and the parish's representatives on the deanery synod. Any person entitled to attend the APCM may raise any question of parochial or general church interest. In addition, those who live outside the Parish but are on the Electoral Roll enjoy all the rights and privileges that go with being resident in the parish (for example, baptisms and weddings). However, if you live outside the Parish and want to come onto the Electoral Roll, you must have been worshipping in the Parish for a minimum period of six months. Joining the roll is an important statement of witness and a step along the path of discipleship. With your name on the electoral roll, the strength of the Church can be seen in our local area, and across the Diocese. If you're a regular worshipper with us, you should be on the electoral roll! If you're convinced – how do you join? Simple, application forms are available in all the churches.

The next **book sale** will be held on **Saturday April 12th**. In a change to the usual format the book sale will remain in the upper room of the church centre with refreshments being available in Chipping Sodbury church. This is because the main room of the centre is being utilised as one of the event hubs for Chipping Sodbury Yarn Festival happening that weekend. We are hoping that lots of the additional visitors to the street will also want to browse second-hand books and enjoy coffee and cake. Ideally, we would like to run the refreshments for a larger part of the day, if you can help in any way (making cakes in advance or being part of the serving team for some of the day) please let Anne Vickers know.

The Foodbank Collection is resuming in St John's, Chipping Sodbury, and there is now a collection box for donations in church, just inside the door on the small pew. Foodbanks have become even more necessary for many people in recent years so please support this generously if you can. *Currently the most needed items are* – Washing up liquid, Free-from cereal, Tinned vegan meals, Washing powder (small boxes), Tinned minced beef & onion, Tinned meat, Savoury crackers and Lentils. *But please no more:* Pasta, Cereals, Tea bags, Soup or Baked Beans!

Little Sodbury has now reverted to its summer service time of 6pm.

Afternoon Tea in Chipping Sodbury Church on Saturday 26th April. Tickets went quite quickly last time so please call Jane on 07773 037722 to pre-order tickets. Prices £5 Afternoon tea with coffee/ tea, £8 with glass of Prosecco under 5s free. £2.50 for children up to 10 years. It should be a joyous afternoon, enjoying savouries, cakes, scones and for some of you, a cheeky glass of bubbles.

If you are able to help on the day, donate gifts for our re-gift store or items for the raffle, or help with the catering please let Jane Youell know.

Joyce Cains' funeral will be at Old Sodbury Church at 11am on Thursday 1 May, followed by Committal at Westerleigh Crematorium at 12.15pm. While the Committal will be for family only, refreshments after the service will be served in the Hospitality Suite at the Crematorium from 1pm to which everyone is invited. The family are looking forward very much to seeing you there to spend time sharing memories of Joyce together. Please remember Joyce's family in your prayers.

Thursday 10th April

10.00am	Holy Communion <i>Revd Chris Butler</i>	Chipping Sodbury
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Sunday 13th April Palm Sunday

9.30am	Holy Communion <i>Revd Chris Butler</i>	Chipping Sodbury
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11.15am	Morning Worship <i>Revd Chris Mason</i>	Old Sodbury
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11.15am	Holy Communion <i>Revd Chris Butler</i>	Horton
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6.00pm*	Evensong <i>Revd Colin Lunt</i>	Little Sodbury
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