



Sodbury Vale Benefice

Sunday 1st March Second Sunday of Lent

9.30am	St John's Praise <i>Rev. Jane Jones-Williams and Tania Manners</i>	Chipping Sodbury
11.15am	Holy Communion <i>Rev. Chris Butler</i>	Old Sodbury
11.15am	Morning Prayer <i>Rev. David Powe</i>	Horton
4.00pm	Evensong <i>Rev. Chris Butler</i>	Little Sodbury

Readings for Second Sunday of Lent

Romans 4: 1 – 5, 13 - 17

John 3: 1 - 17

Benefice Quiet Morning on Wednesday 11th March. This promises to be an exceptional opportunity for anyone interested in deepening their understanding of prayer - Chris Whittington is an excellent speaker and I would commend the morning to you without reservation. With warmest wishes, *Rev. Chris Mason*. Taking place at St John's CS, from 10am to 1pm. Please let Michelle in the office know if you would like to reserve a place. Coffee and biscuits will be available, but please bring a packed lunch if you would like to stay to chat after the session.

On Tuesday 10th March there will be a meeting about **intergenerational worship** at the Church Centre at 7pm. If you are interested in learning more (and haven't already been asked about attending) do let Rev Chris know that you would like to come.

Current Shopping List for **Foodbank**: Washing powder (small boxes), Toilet rolls, Tinned meat, Fruit juice or squash, Tinned potatoes, Long life UHT milk, Tinned Vegetables, Sponge puddings. There is a collection box out on Sundays at Chipping Sodbury Church and all the main supermarkets have collection points.

Good Friday - Singers are invited to sing in this year's Good Friday service on 3 April at 2pm at Chipping Sodbury Church. This will include music for meditation around the Stations of the Cross. Rehearsals lasting 30 minutes to follow morning services at Chipping Sodbury during March. Music being considered includes Ave verum corpus, Ah holy Jesus, God so loved the world, Were you there when they crucified the Lord?, The Passion Chorale, suitable numbers from the Crucifixion, The Cross of Christ etc. Interspersed by solos. Nothing too difficult. All are welcome.

Fundraising – Lent Challenge. Following our very successful 'Lent Smarties Challenge' two years ago we are planning again to distribute Smarties tubes to anyone who would like to join us in this fundraising event. They will be available to pick up on Sunday 22nd February at Chipping Sodbury Church. This is a fun way to bring much needed funds for our church and enjoy the Smarties as well!!! There are various ways of donating to this challenge either by cash, notes, cheques (if you remember what those are!!) and also by the card machine in church. All we would ask is that if you would like to pay by card that you still return the empty Smarties tube with a note inside to say how much has been donated as this will help us when trying to balance the funds!!! Tubes may be returned anytime to Anne, Churchwarden or to any of the sides people at CS Church on a Sunday morning, but we will bring the challenge to a close by 31st March. Thank you for your support.

The next **Benefice Prayer Meeting** will be on Thursday 5th March at 7.30pm via Zoom. Rev. Steve will send the zoom link out via SVB mail next week.

The Lent course is ongoing now and you can still join in. We are looking at CS Lewis' work. There are two opportunities to join the **Lent discussion groups**. On a Monday evening using Zoom at 7pm and on a Tuesday afternoon in person at the Church Centre at 2.30pm. The course materials will be issued via SVB mail every Thursday for the following weeks course and the Zoom link will also be sent by a separate SVB mail.

A special service will be held at St Mary's Yate at 10.30am as part of the World Day of Prayer on Friday 6th March (formally known as the Women's World Day of Prayer). Everyone is welcome to attend.

The **office will be closed next week**, so two weeks of services below.

Thursday 5th March		
10am	Holy Communion Rev. Chris Butler	Chipping Sodbury
Sunday 8th March Third Sunday of Lent		
9.30am	Holy Communion <i>Rev. Jane Jones-Williams</i>	Chipping Sodbury
11.15am	Morning Worship <i>Rev. Chris Butler</i>	Old Sodbury
11.15am	Holy Communion <i>Rev. Jane Jones-Williams</i>	Horton
4.00pm	Evensong <i>Rev. David Powe</i>	Little Sodbury
Thursday 12th March		
10am	Holy Communion Rev. Chris Butler	Chipping Sodbury
Sunday 13th March Fourth Sunday of Lent/ Mothering Sunday		
9.30am	All Age Communion <i>Rev. Chris Butler</i>	Chipping Sodbury
11.15am	Holy Communion <i>Rev. Chris Butler</i>	Old Sodbury
11.15am	Morning Prayer <i>Mike Swain</i>	Horton
4.00pm	Evensong <i>Tania Manners</i>	Little Sodbury

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