



Sodbury Vale Benefice

Sunday 15th March

Fourth Sunday of Lent/ Mothering Sunday

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| 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 |

Readings

Exodus 2: 1 – 10

Luke 2: 33 - 35

SVB Strollers are out on Wednesday, March 18th with a walk in Tormarton of around 4 miles Meet at 9.30am at the Riding's playing fields car park to share lifts. Lunch will be available afterwards at a local hostelry. Please contact Bev who is the walk leader 07774068034 if you need further information otherwise just turn up at the meeting point.

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 – Smarties Lent Challenge. 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.

TAIZE returns for 2026: reviewed, renewed and ready to offer rest and reflection. The next Taize Worship event is on **Saturday 28th March at 5.00pm** in St John's Church Chipping Sodbury. Please pass on the date to friends and family. More information in the next edition of *Outlook* magazine

Thursday 19th March

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| 10am | Holy Communion Rev. Rob Axford | Chipping Sodbury |
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**Sunday 22nd March
Fifth Sunday of Lent**

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| 9.30am | Holy Communion <i>Rev. Colin Lunt</i> | Chipping Sodbury |
| 11.15am | Morning Prayer <i>Rev. Chris Axford</i> | Old Sodbury |
| 11.15am | Holy Communion <i>Rev. Steve Abbott</i> | Horton |
| 4.00pm | Holy Communion <i>Rev. Catherine Coster</i> | Little Sodbury |

Advance notice of Easter services

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| Sun 29th March, Palm Sunday | 10.30am Benefice Service <i>at Old Sodbury</i> |
| Wed 1st April | 7.00 pm Meditation Service <i>at Chipping Sodbury</i> |
| Thurs 2nd April Maundy Thursday | 10.00am Holy Communion <i>at Chipping Sodbury</i> 7.00pm Communion and Vigil <i>at Chipping Sodbury</i> |
| Friday 3rd Good Friday | 2.00pm Service at the foot of the Cross <i>at Chipping Sodbury</i> |
| Saturday 4th | 7.00pm Easter Vigil <i>at Little Sodbury</i> |
| Sunday 5th Easter Sunday | 6.30am Sunrise service <i>at Old Sodbury</i> 9.30am Easter Communion <i>at Chipping Sodbury</i> 11.15am Easter Communion <i>at Old Sodbury</i> 11.15am Easter Communion <i>at Horton</i> 6.00pm Easter Communion <i>at Little Sodbury</i> |

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