



Sodbury Vale Benefice

Sunday 17th May
Seventh Sunday of Easter

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| 9.30am | All Age Communion <i>Rev. Jane Jones-Williams</i> | Chipping Sodbury |
| 11.15am | Holy Communion <i>Rev. Chris Butler</i> | Old Sodbury |
| 11.15am | Morning Prayer with the Baptism of Jessica Bateman <i>Rev. Jane Jones-Williams</i> | Horton |
| 6.00pm | Evensong <i>Rev. Chris Butler</i> | Little Sodbury |

Readings

Acts 1: 6 – 14
John 17: 1 - 11

We welcome the friends and family of **Jessica Bateman** to celebrate her baptism with us at Horton. Welcome Jessica, *May the Lord bless you and take care of you, May the Lord be kind and gracious to you, May the Lord look on you with favour and give you peace. Numbers 6: 24—26*

The **SVB Strollers** will be out on Wednesday, May 20th for a walk around Tresham of just over 4 miles. With the option of Lunch in the Fleece at Hillesley at the end. Bev will be leading the walk if you have any queries (07774 068034), otherwise meet at the Ridings car park at 9.30 to share lifts.

The next **Book Sale** will be on the 6th June. We are very short on tombola prizes, so if you have anything suitable can you bring it to the box in the Church Centre or bring to church for onward transmission!

Benefice Social – Save the Date.

Saturday 13th June, a daytime event, full details to follow shortly.

Old Sodbury will be beginning their **Summer Teas on Sunday** May 24th from 2.30pm till 4.30pm running every Sunday and also on the Bank Holiday Mondays until August 31st. Do pop in for tea and cake; surely the walk up the church path would burn off any calories consumed!

Horton will begin their **Teas on Saturday afternoons** from noon to 4.15pm from the 6th June (there will be a break on Saturday 27th June and Saturday 4th July) until August 1st.

We have the final figure for the **Lent Smartie Challenge** and have raised £959.45. The raffle, which we held the weekend of the Yarn Festival, raised an additional £152. Thank you to everyone who took part!

The **Friends of Old Sodbury Church** have arranged for an Abba tribute band to perform at Camers on Saturday 15th August. This promises to be a fantastic event, bring along your own, food, drink and chairs and enjoy the evening; gates open at 5.30pm and the music will start at 6.30pm. For tickets, please go to www.ticketsource.com/camers2026

If you can't wait for the Abba concert to visit Camers at Old Sodbury, it's opening its garden as part of the **National Garden Scheme on Friday 22nd May** 2pm to 5pm. Entrance via Chapel Lane is £7 (in aid of NGS charities). The refreshments are being provided by and in the aid of St Johns Church Old Sodbury. It's a wonderful garden and woodland with views over the valley.

Current Shopping List for the **Foodbank**: Cereal, Deodorant, Laundry detergent, Washing up liquid, Sanitary pads, Tinned fruit, Desserts, Tinned halal meat. There is a collection box out on Sundays at Chipping Sodbury Church and all the main supermarkets have collection points.

News from Regenerate: Praise God! We were able to provide our Easter Wonder Space to nearly 350 children in year 5! This followed on from the privilege of seeing over 2500 children in Yate and Sodbury Primary schools, sharing the Easter story. What a Joy! Pastoral Student Mentoring is now well established in Abbotswood, Tyndale, Raysfield and Woodlands Primary schools, thanks to our two volunteers who work alongside Rachel. In term 5 we continue sharing a positive affirmation in our Collective Worship, this time with the story of the lost coin and that God loves each of them so much too.

Please - give thanks for collective worship booked with the primaries in Yate and Chipping Sodbury this term!

- give thanks for the wonderful team of Regenerate school's workers and trustees who make the work happen!

-pray for the children being mentored and those we will mentor in the future.

Rachel and Deborah

| Thursday 21st May | | |
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| 10am | Holy Communion <i>Rev. Steve Abbott</i> | <i>Church Centre</i> |
| Sunday 24th May Pentecost | | |
| 9.30am | Holy Communion <i>Rev. Jane Jones-Williams</i> | Chipping Sodbury |
| 11.15am | Morning Prayer <i>Rev. Jane Jones-Williams</i> | Old Sodbury |
| 11.15am | Holy Communion <i>Rev. Jane Jones-Williams</i> | Horton |
| 6.00pm | Holy Communion <i>Rev. Catherine Coster with Tania Manners</i> | Little Sodbury |

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