



# Sodbury Vale Benefice

## Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August Twelfth Sunday of Trinity

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| 9.30am  | Holy Communion<br><i>Rev. Chris Butler</i>                                          | Chipping Sodbury |
| 11.15am | Morning Prayer with the Baptism of Rosalie Siney<br><i>Rev. Jane Jones-Williams</i> | Old Sodbury      |
| 11.15am | Holy Communion<br><i>Rev. Chris Butler</i>                                          | Horton           |
| 6.00pm  | Holy Communion<br><i>Rev. Catherine Coster</i>                                      | Little Sodbury   |

### Readings

Romans 12: 1 – 8  
Matthew 16: 13 - 20

**Thank you** for all the prayers and well wishes while I have been away, the consultant was pleased with the procedure, and I am slowly getting back to 'normal'. My hours in the office may be a bit random for the next couple of weeks as I get back into the swing of things. *Michelle*

The **GoVocal Choir**, which practises at Old Sodbury Village Hall will be singing at the Old Sodbury Church Summer Teas on this Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August from 2.30 until 4.30. 40 members of the choir, which was highly acclaimed at the recent Yate Rocks and the Yate Aging Better Festivals, will be singing, in 4-part harmony, well-known pop songs by groups and singers that include ABBA, Fleetwood Mac, Ed Sheeran, Myles Smith and Adele. Singing along will be encouraged so why not come along, sing your heart out and enjoy a delicious summer tea as well. Donations will be in aid of the Old Sodbury Lychgate Appeal.

The National Trust Property, **Horton Court**, will be open to visitors on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of September from 10am to 4pm. Horton Church will be open for refreshments during these times.

Current Shopping List for the **Foodbank**: Tinned fruit, Baby food (not formula), Cereals, UHT milk (long life), Tinned Halal meat, Shampoo and Conditioner, Laundry detergent, Washing up liquid. There is a collection box out on Sundays at Chipping Sodbury Church and all the main supermarkets have collection points.

### **It's been a week of media appearances for our churches.**

In the diocese news this week was an article about St John the Baptist Church, Old Sodbury, launching an appeal to restore its Grade II listed War Memorial Lychgate, which has suffered serious damage as a result of decay and deathwatch beetle. The following is an extract from diocese weekly bulletin. The Revd Chris Butler, Rector of St John the Baptist, said: "We're determined to preserve the lychgate, which is also the village war memorial, for future generations; a costly task that isn't easy for a rural congregation. As an entrance to our village church, the

lychgate provides a lasting sign of the Christian welcome to all, as well as a shelter from the rain. In its role as a war memorial, it also acts as a sign of remembrance, not simply looking back with gratitude, but looking forward in hope, trusting in Christ's promise of resurrection and eternal life. We are also proud to be remembering David Hartley, a person who embodied Christian values of peace and justice through his life and work." All donations to the Lychgate appeal are greatly appreciated. [For more information on the church, David Hartley, and the war memorial appeal →](#)  
[Make a donation to restore Lychgate →](#)

On Radio 4 Susie Dent talks about William Tydale's translation of the Bible [BBC Radio 4 - Artworks, The Deadliest Book in England](#). *I know he's not a church, but Little Sodbury definitely claims him!* And on Points West and the BBC news site the Bench overlooking the Cotswold way at Old Sodbury Church is the first to be rated 10/10 by Instagram 'Bench Rater' Sam who was married there this month [Man who rates benches on Instagram gives first ever 10/10 score - BBC News](#).  
*Do follow the links to find out more.*

#### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August

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| 10am | Holy Communion           | Church Centre |
|      | <i>Rev. Chris Butler</i> |               |

#### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August Thirteenth Sunday of Trinity

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| 10.30am | Benefice Communion                                    | Horton |
|         | <i>Rev. Chris Butler and Rev. Jane Jones-Williams</i> |        |

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