Sodbury Vale Benefice

Sunday 29th November
Advent Sunday

10.30am Benefice Communion Chipping Sodbury
Rev. Chris Butler and Rev. Jane Jones-Williams

Readings

Isaiah 64: 1 – 9
Mark 13: 24 - end

If you are reading this virtually don't forget it's a Benefice Service at 10.30am at Chipping Sodbury for Advent Sunday (29th November) During the service we will be making an Advent Ring so please bring some greenery with you to join in with making the ring (there will be some extra greenery in church if you're not able to bring any.

This month at Chipping Sodbury we will be having a **retiring collection for the Foodbank**. You may have seen the article in Outlook which explained that by pledging a sum in September to be donated at the beginning of December the Foodbank is able to quadruple the donation. There is an information poster and a plate at the back of the church, or you can use the card machine but please make a note that it is for the Foodbank pledge.

For the **Chipping Sodbury Carol service** on 20th December at 6pm, I would like to form a choir to sing some Christmas anthems. Rehearsals for the Carol Service will be in Chipping Sodbury church on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm (but not 8th December), all welcome to join in. *Jon Crow*.

Bristol Folk Singers Concert: Traditional Folk Carols. Saturday 12th December, 2pm, Old Sodbury Church. Get into the festive spirit and hear traditional folk carols as they were sung in pre-Victorian times. Directed by Matt Norman, this acclaimed community choir performs English folk songs in rich harmony. The concert includes a unique local carol written down in Old Sodbury during the late eighteenth century. The afternoon will also include instrumental folk music on the mandolin and refreshments in the interval. Admission is free with no booking required. All donations will support urgent repairs to the Lychgate.

A message from Regenerate. During Term 2 our theme is God Became Like Me. God Became Like Me is the Scripture Union poem we will be sharing in our assemblies this term. It is a re-telling of the Christmas story which introduces the beauty and wonder of the Incarnation in an accessible way. After two weeks of assemblies, we launch into our Christmas Wonder Spaces. Fifteen classes of 8- and 9-year-olds have booked to visit local churches and experience our interactive workshop. This year's material will focus on God coming close to bring everyone hope, love and things we can be thankful for. - Give thanks for the wonderful opportunities we have, to share the Good News of Christmas this term. Please pray for the light of God's love to affect hearts and minds. -Give thanks for our amazing volunteers, please pray for protection and good health for our team. -Please pray for our mentors and their sessions this term. *God bless you, Rachel & Deborah*

As we have done in previous years, we will be putting a board up in Chipping Sodbury Church to allow people to share **Christmas greetings with their Church Friends**. The board will go up after the Journey to Bethlehem event.

Current Shopping List for the **Foodbank:** Toilet roll, Laundry detergent (small), Deodorant, Sanitary products, UHT Milk, Tinned desserts, Fruit juice cartons, Size 6 Napies, Cooking noodles, Coffee. There is a collection box out on Sundays at Chipping Sodbury Church and all the main supermarkets have collection points.

Thursday 3rd December

10am	Holy Communion *Rev. Chris Axford*	*Church Centre*

Sunday 6th December
Second Sunday of Advent

9.30am	St John's Praise *Rev. Jane Jones-Williams with Paul Jones-Williams*	Chipping Sodbury
11.15am	Holy Communion *Rev. Chris Butler*	Old Sodbury
11.15am	Morning Prayer *Rev. Chris Mason*	Horton
4.00pm	Evensong *Mike Swain*	Little Sodbury

Contacts

Churchwardens	
at CS	Anne Vickers 01454 850942
at OS	Joy Fussell 01454 314074
at LS	Linda Hurst 01454319183 and Brenda Cordy 07767 076985
at Horton	Tina Hildick-Smith 01454 320380
Rector	Rev. Chris Butler, 07985 708707, rectorchris@svbcofe.org.uk
Assoc. Priest	Rev. Jane Jones-Williams 07498 878164, revjanejw@gmail.com
Church Office	Michelle Jenkins 01454 325160, sodburyvalebenefice@gmail.com,