

Welcome to
The Sodbury Vale Benefice



Sunday, 7th January
Baptism of Christ

8.00am	Holy Communion	St John's, Chipping Sodbury
9.30am	St John's Praise	St John's, Chipping Sodbury
11.15am	Family Communion	St John's, Old Sodbury
11.15am	Mattins	St James', Horton
6.00pm	Epiphany Carol Service	St Adeline's, Little Sodbury

Collect

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Isaiah 60: 1 - 6, Matthew 2: 1 - 12, Psalm 72

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What's on this Week

Mon 8 th	2.00am	Mothers' Union	Church Centre, CS
Tues 9 th	9.15am 7.00pm	Storkies DP Bible Group	St John's Church, CS Church Centre, CS
Thur 11 th	10.00am 10.45am 7.30pm	Holy Communion Coffee Shop Joint PCC	St John's Church, CS Church Centre, CS Church Centre, CS
Sat 13 th	10.00am	Baptism Preparation	Church Centre, CS

The funeral of Sylvia Franklin will be held on Wednesday 17th January, 10am at the Crematorium followed by a memorial service at St John's Chipping Sodbury at 11am, with a reception in the centre afterwards. All her friends from church would be very welcome

Sunday, 14th January 2018
Second Sunday of Epiphany

9.30am	Parish Communion	St John's, Chipping Sodbury
11.15am	Family Service	St John's, Old Sodbury
6.00pm	Evensong	St Adeline's, Little Sodbury
11.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St James the Elder, Horton

Remembrance Sunday

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Let us remember before God, and commend to His sure keeping:

Those who have died or been wounded for their country in war

Those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure

and all who have lived and died in the service of mankind

The List is read out

Then shall be said

They shall not grow old as we that are left are old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun

We will remember them

ALL We shall remember them

2 minute silence

Minister

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: Hear our prayers and thanksgivings for those we remember today; fulfil in them the purpose of your love: and bring us all, with them, to Your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The National Anthem

God save our gracious Queen

Long live our noble Queen

God Save our Queen

Send her victorious

Happy and glorious

Long to reign over us

God save the Queen

Thy choicest gifts in store

On her be pleased to Store

Long may she reign

May she defend our laws

And ever give us cause

To sing with heart and voice

God save our Queen

1 Thessalonians 4: 13 - end

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Matthew 25: 1 - 13

Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.