

Taizé-style Worship

in the Sodbury Vale Benefice

What is Taizé?

The Taizé community – named after the small village of Taizé in central France – is an ecumenical monastic order of Roman Catholic and Protestant monks drawn from thirty countries across the world. It was founded by Brother Roger Schütz in 1940 to establish a place of peace and justice through prayer and meditation. The Church of Reconciliation was built there in 1962. Today it is a significant place of Christian pilgrimage and is a magnet for people of different cultures, traditions and ages, especially for thousands of young people who flock to the community each year to share in its way of life.



What are the key ingredients of Taizé-style worship?

- **Welcome** – Taizé worship is open to everyone
- **Music** – simple chants repeated to help with prayer and meditation
- **Readings** – Bible or reflective readings
- **Silence** – space for a period of silence is included in the

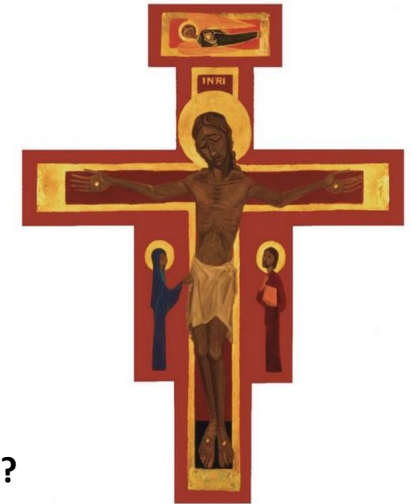


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- **Candle-lit** environment with pictures for a visual focus
- **Simple** and straightforward

Why offer this kind of worship?

To respond to the thirst and yearning from people for a more contemplative, flexible form of worship which has fewer words and more space for quiet reflection, lighting candles and joining in the chants with the Taizé Singers



When will Taizé worship be available?

During 2025, on the **5th Saturday of the month at 5.00pm** for under one hour:

St John's Church, Chipping Sodbury	29th March
St John's Church, Old Sodbury	31st May
St James' Church, Horton	30th August
St John's Church, Chipping Sodbury	29th November

What happens next?

Throughout the year, the clergy and Taizé Planning Group will listen to feedback from those attending and review all the arrangements.

What happens now? Make a note of these dates, come along and try Taizé worship for yourself!

