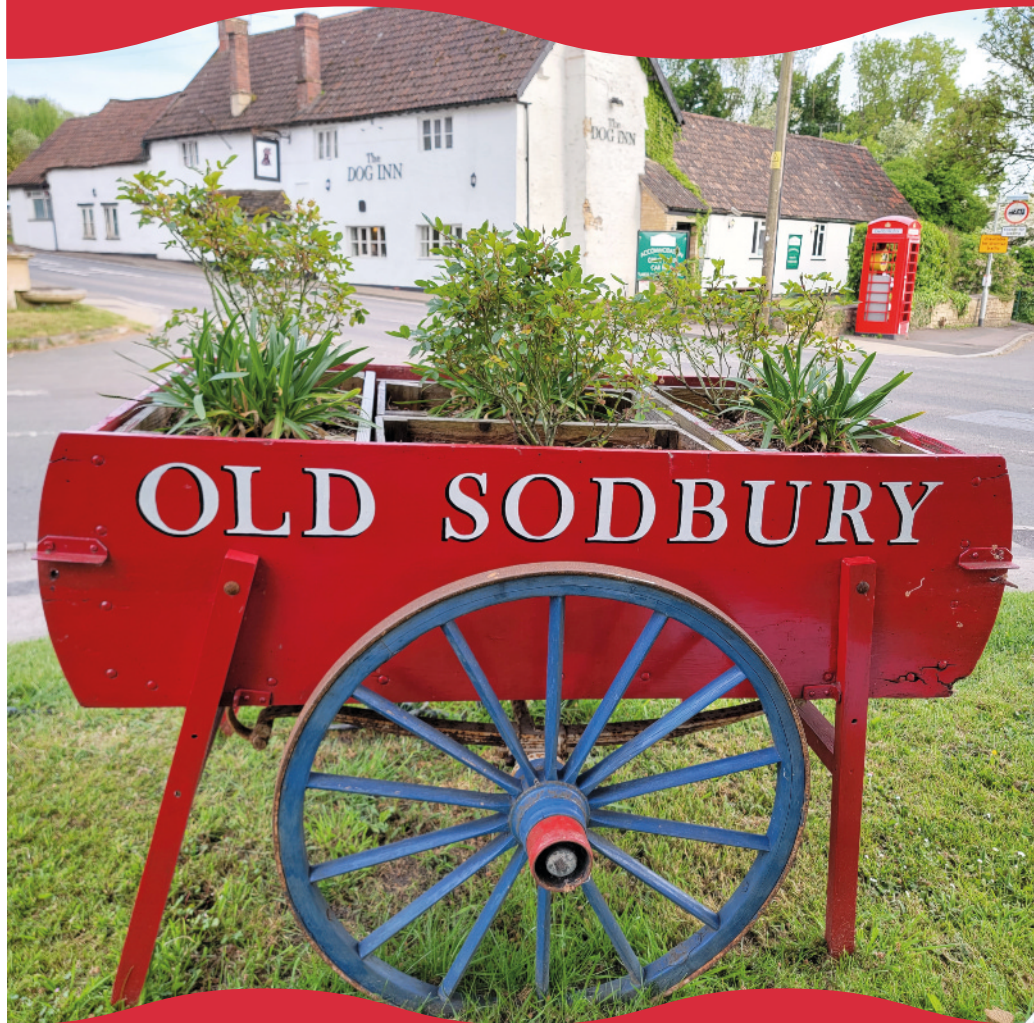




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October - November 2026



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Rector's Rambles

I am making this ramble a bit different this month and talking about this magazine.

Before each issue a small group of people sit down and plan what is going to go into it, led by Frank. We are always very grateful for the articles and points of interest we receive. Then an awful lot of hard work happens behind the scenes (mainly by Michael and Michelle) to edit and produce the magazine, and then many volunteers distribute it (including around the shops in Chipping Sodbury). I am really grateful for everyone involved in the process.

One of our priorities is to balance articles of interest to our congregations and the wider church so we are truly 'Outlook'. We rely on feedback to make any changes needed to the content.

We were discussing this month the challenge of making sure our general communications reach across the different generations we are trying to reach, and you can be of help here. Could you ask your friends and family; if they want to know anything about the churches in the area; where would they search? Then feed it back to us together with their age and where they would look. It may mean we need to boldly 'go where we have not gone before' into different social media platforms as well as our more traditional ones. (If that is the case, prayers will be needed!!)

We have tried to introduce new features like 'my favourite hymn' and articles on Pastoral Care, but would be really interested to know if you find these interesting/helpful, and what else you would like to see or offer to contribute. From this month we are introducing a prayer for the season which you might like to use as part of your prayers.

We will never get our communications perfect, but we will keep trying - with your help. If you do want to feed any thoughts/comments back, please send to <svboutlook@svbcofe.org.uk> or use the Contact page on our website: <https://svbcofe.org.uk/contact>

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Prayer for the Season

We are currently in the Season of Creation so here is a prayer written especially to mark that season and celebrate the Living Water:

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave your people water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

You bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. You satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give. **Amen**

My Favourite Hymn

My Favourite hymn is **"I the Lord of Sea and Sky"** also known as "Here I am Lord". It was written by the American composer Dan Schutte and published in 1981. As I am sure you will know it is based on Isaiah 6:8 and 1 Samuel 3:4 and focuses on the call to service. It reminds me of staff beginning of term services at St. Mary Redcliffe where I taught and more significantly of my parents who both served the church in Cornwall where we lived, in many capacities. Both were PCC members and Treasurer, served on Deanery Synod and my Father as Diocesan Treasurer. Service was important to them and after we moved to Cromhall my Mum became sacristan at St. Andrew's. I had this hymn played at her funeral, although to some it may have seemed an odd choice. The words remind us that God hears us through all the pain and suffering and he calls to us.



We often hesitate "Is it I Lord?", me? Do you really mean me? Can I do what is being asked of me? This hymn however, reminds us God wants us to answer yes, we may not be called to save a people like Samuel, but we can say, Here I am Lord and be assured that he will help us.

Anne Vickers

Foodbank Collection 2026



You may remember last year we did the Reverse Advent Calendar for Foodbank and everyone was incredibly generous. This year we are going to do something a bit different.

The Foodbank have approached us asking us to pledge some money as a church to support their Winter Food Appeal.

It's a bit back to front as we have had to pledge the money now for their donation week in December, but by doing this, Foodbank are able to take advantage of 'the big give' scheme where our donation will not just be doubled but will be four times the amount we have pledged.

Old Sodbury Church have generously pledged using some of the funds they made with the Summer Teas. At Chipping Sodbury we have pledged an amount which we hope you, our lovely readers, will help us raise in November. There will be a collection plate out in Chipping Sodbury Church during November, or donations can be made to the church treasurer with a note to say it is to support the Foodbank pledge. Any online giving or cheques should be directed to the PCC of St John the Baptist Chipping Sodbury Church Bank Account and we will send it on to the Foodbank so they can get four times the value – it will only count once if it goes direct to them.

Foodbank continues to be far too busy, and many of our neighbours rely on the provisions it provides. Thank you so much for your generosity last year in keeping the hungry fed and thank you for helping us *hopefully* meet our pledge.

Michelle

MU Summer Afternoon Tea



Our Mother's Union meeting in August took place on a beautiful sunny afternoon in Sue Webb's lovely garden. We enjoyed each others company, played games and had strawberries and cream, strawberry flan and strawberry daiquiri mocktail.

Our meetings are held on the second Monday of the month in

the Church Centre. We have social afternoons or we have a visiting speaker. Anyone is welcome to join us. **Hilary Hurley**



National Prisoners' Week

Prisoners' Sunday - on 11th October this year - marks the start of a week of prayer to raise awareness of issues faced by those affected by the criminal justice system. This ecumenical

Christian-led initiative recognises the ripple effect which crime has on others, and it's an opportunity to pray not only for offenders and victims of crime, but also for the children and families, friends, prison staff and chaplains as well as the police, probation officers and the whole justice system.



The Rt Revd Bishop Rachel Treweek is the Anglican Bishop for HM Prisons in England and Wales. In this role she supports the Anglican prison chaplains involved in the care of prisoners and is concerned about issues across the breadth of the criminal justice system, which she often raises in the House of Lords. Please pray for Bishop Rachel in this role. It's worth listening to the podcasts entitled 'Holding the Key' on the Diocese of Gloucester website. They are enlightening.



I have been an Official Prison Visitor (OPV) since 1995 when I felt strongly led by God to do this voluntary work following an educational visit to HMP Whitemoor, a Category 'A' male prison in Cambridgeshire. During a short period of training, of approximately 12-hours over 6 weeks, an officer instructed us about the purpose of prison, familiarised us with the jargon, and basically told us what we could, or could not do (or say), on the visits to Whitemoor. In 2006 I transferred to HMP Peterborough (for men and women) and since moving to Gloucestershire, I have become a volunteer at HMP Eastwood Park, a women's prison. During my time as an OPV, the UK prison

population has doubled and I find it a tragedy that many of the residents at Eastwood Park are victims themselves of, for example; domestic abuse, homelessness or coercion. Many of the women do not have family support, or anyone else to visit them, and so they request a prison visitor through the chaplaincy. This brings the outside world into their restricted space.

Official Prison Visitors do not need any special qualifications or skills – apart from being a good listener, exercising common sense, being non-judgemental and having compassion. My own experience is very rewarding and I find it humbling when prisoners trust me with their stories, past or present. We talk for an hour about our interests: TV programmes, books we've read, or other general issues. Our

unbiased conversation is over a cup of tea, and of course a piece of cake! I find the time passes quickly.

Here are some of the comments I have received from inmates I've visited over the years:

"... the Lord wanted me to see that his love for me is more than words... even though I've committed some awful sins he not only forgives me but he restores me to my original worth... I am leaving this place a better person because of the visits... I hope you go on bringing light into this dull dark place... you come to see me when no-one else did."

And finally, I am reminded of some words in Chapter 25 of St Matthew's Gospel:

*"Lord...and when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee?"
And the King will answer them: 'Truly, I say to you as you did it to one of the least of my brethren, you did it to me'."* (RSV).



If you would like to know more about being a prison visitor, please contact me. Alternatively, you can email the Visits Co-ordinator direct: jonquil.richards@justice.gov.uk at Eastwood Park. I know Jonquil will welcome your enquiry and once you are part of the team you will receive support and training at the group meetings which she holds about four times a year.

Bronwen Williams v.b.williams@btinternet.com

Service for the Bereaved

This year our annual Service for the Bereaved will be held at

Chipping Sodbury Church on

Sunday November 1st at 4:00 pm

This service is also known as All Souls and is a time to remember those who have died. Everyone is welcome; it doesn't matter how recent your bereavement was. Refreshments will be served after the service with space to talk if needed.

Rev. Chris



You will have read in the last edition of Outlook, something new will be happening at St John's Church Chipping Sodbury for this year in place of the Crib Festival

A Journey to Bethlehem

Various tableaux depicting specific events in the Story of the Birth of Christ will be on display to interact with.

The Not Full Inn where you can relax over scrumptious homemade cakes, teas and coffee

Our traditional craft tables will be full of materials for everyone to let loose their imagination in creating something festive

On

Saturday 5th December from 10am until 5pm

and

Sunday 6th December from 11am until 5pm

Further details available from Paul J-W

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The Bible Course

One of the things we are not always able to spend enough time on is gaining an understanding of the Bible's overarching message and joining the dots between its different books and themes.

I have been recommended to use "The Bible Course" from the Bible Society, which aims to do exactly that. It would complement both those who are already involved in more in-depth study through home groups and those who would simply like to gain a better understanding of the Bible. I initially sent out an Email to gauge interest in us holding a course in the Benefice and have received lots of support for the course, which is really encouraging. Those who would like to meet in person preferred it to be in the daylight, so it seems most sensible to leave it until after Easter as it is an 8 week course; so look out for more details in the spring.

Rev. Chris

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Sodbury Vale Benefice Book Group – Autumn 2026 update

The Book Group meets every month at the home of Gail & Neil in Horton Hall who offer us delightful hospitality. We meet from 7.30 – 9.00pm – *usually* on a Thursday - to share our enjoyment of reading with a friendly and supportive group in which each person has their 'speaking space' protected and everyone is listened to, irrespective of whether we agree or not! A typical format is to share:



- what each of us most enjoyed about the plot, story, characters - and why?
- the aspects each of us least enjoyed- and why?
- any underlying spiritual aspects, faith themes or connections with our own experience.

This is followed by a more open, general discussion and a good deal of laughter!
Our book titles for 2026 are:

- *The Road to Little Dribbling* – Bill Bryson
- *A Tale of Two Cities* – Charles Dickens
- *Bookshop in Algiers* – Kaouthar Adimi
- *Whalebone Theatre* – Joann Quinn
- *Pride and Prejudice* – Jane Austen
- *The Wolf Den* – Elodie Harper
- *I haven't been entirely honest with you* – Miranda Hart
- *There are Three Rivers in the Sky* – Elif Shafaq
- *Heaven and Earth Grocery* – James McBride
- *Crossing the Lines*- Melvyn Bragg
- *Olive Farm* – Carol Drinkwater



Here's what some of the group enjoy most about coming to the Book Group:

- *"Meeting new people, lively discussions and being introduced to new authors and different genres of books"*
- *"Being encouraged to read genres I would never normally read, connecting with friends and having a dedicated time to enjoy and discuss the stories and characters".*
- *"I love listening to what everyone has to say about the varied books we read."*
- *"The fact that it got me reading again, after many decades of having no time to read, with a wide range of books I probably would never have tried on my own. It is a sociable group and great to hear different people's viewpoints."*

- “ Being introduced to authors, genres and subjects that I may not have picked up otherwise, when in a bookshop. I love the lively and sometimes heated debate around the book, the different angles and view points, which sometimes cause me to reconsider mine. Being with fellow readers and like-minded folk is a great way to spend a few hours a month.”



‘Summer Social’ at Horton Hall, August 2026, photo taken by Neil

If anyone would like to join us we can assure you of a warm welcome – there is space at present for TWO new people. *Please get in touch if you are interested.*

Chris (revd.chris.mason@gmail.com)

Horton Church Concert

There will be a concert with wonderful singers(not Church Music) in Horton Church following the morning service.

on Sunday the 25th of October at 12:30pm , Cost £10 per person

These singers were at Old Sodbury Church a few weeks ago, are very, very good , and they wanted to come to Horton.

To do this in daylight, the event will be a 12.30 arrival with a glass of wine or soft drink to take to your seat.

The singers will begin at one o’clock , for half an hour, when there will be a half hour interval, with refreshments. The second half begins at 2:00 pm.

For those who would like to stay for a while afterwards, the refreshments will be there to finish, but everybody will be able to leave the church before it gets dark , which is the main reason for holding this event during daylight hours, as the days will begin to get shorter by then.

To book your seat contact Tina 01454 320380 email

tinahildicksmith@gmail.com

All of the money raised is going into heating the church through the winter months, which is going to be very expensive. So even if you can’t come, a donation to this event would be very much appreciated, to help those of us who do go to church, to keep warm!

SVB Strollers



Strollers travelled to Frenchay Common in June for a four and a half mile walk, led by Nigel. We started by the White Lion pub and set off following the roads through an area of old Frenchay village, where we saw this stunning wall art, before joining the Frome Valley Walkway. As we crossed a bridge this intriguing sign shows how far the influence of Chipping Sodbury spread.



If you have never left the road through Frenchay it was really surprising to find

woods and a large area of common hidden away. We followed the river Frome by rough track along the wooded valley, to the picturesque area of Snuff Mills at Stapleton, where the mill wheel still works.



At this point there were loos and a small kiosk where tea, coffee and very nice cake were sampled.

The return walk back to Frenchay Common was at a high level back along the river valley, on the opposite side, finally onto the Vassals Estate. The remainder of the walk covered an area of the park, back down to the river and across into Frenchay Village and to the White Lion pub for lunch.



In July Bev led a 4mile circular walk on the Arlingham peninsular near Frampton on Severn. We started at The Ship Inn in Upper Framilode, this inn is on the now disused

Stroudwater Canal which used to link The River Severn with The River Thames. We began along the old canal towpath and then found ourselves meandering through pleasant, peaceful hay fields. After traversing a number of these we ascended Barrow Hill, a modest climb, to gain lovely views across the Severn and



beyond. Descending the other side, we made our way along a very minor road and more fields to reach the river and The Severn Way footpath. This took us along the river back to Framilode. Needless to say lunch followed at The Ship!



Our August walk led by Anne, took us back to Marshfield but for a different 4.5 mile walk, setting off to the south west. Starting from the village we cut across a number of fields before meeting a bridleway. Turning briefly along this before turning right we contoured around a hill, which gave us a coffee stop with a good view.

There was much discussion about whether Jane Seymour had lived/lives in the house we could see on the opposite side of the valley. There was also much brain racking to remember the name of the TV programme she had been in: Dr Quinn Medicine woman!! Dropping down to the valley of Catherine's Brook, we followed a short section of

the Limestone Link path, which leads to the Cotswold way. The going was good underfoot but in the first half there were a couple of steep but short climbs, requiring the odd pause! As Cold Ashton came into sight we turned right and followed a gentle incline, up a dry valley back to Marshfield. I had described the walk as undulating but there were a few slopes I seemed to have forgotten so everyone felt they had earned their lunch at the Catherine Wheel!



We would welcome new walkers to join us on our strolls around the glorious countryside that surrounds us. Please check out the website the week before the third Wednesday of the month, which is when we walk.

Study leave

I have been ordained for over 15 years now and have never taken a sabbatical. The Bishop has kindly agreed to me taking an 8-week period of study leave in the new year. Part of it will be visiting my relatives in New Zealand and I will also be doing some work understanding how the concept of pilgrimage can be used to help people on their life's journey, particularly how we offer it in churches. I will be away from the end of January to just before Easter. I would like to say a huge thank you to Jane, Tania and all the wonderful retired ministers here, as they have already agreed to cover all the services.

Rev.

Chris

Light for My Path



‘By your words I can see where I am going; they throw a beam of light on my dark path.’ Psalm 119:105 (*The Message*)

There is something very special about light as any photographer will tell you. With the help of light we see, and see things more clearly.

You could say the same about life, especially when there is so much darkness around us. God’s word comes to the rescue in bringing light, comfort and peace. Even when it is not so dark God’s word inspires us and draws us closer to him.

In our church fellowship groups, we find much joy in studying the Bible together. If you are not already involved, you might be interested in joining us. There are three to choose from and they are each different: one meets via Zoom in the evening, every two weeks. Another meets in person in the Church Centre on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday afternoons each month, and a third meets in members’ homes on Wednesday evenings every two weeks. They have around 10-15 members each and add another dimension to our church life.

In SVB God has been showing us the importance of Bible study and there seem to be many who would like to enrich their understanding of the Bible, what it contains, how it is constructed and the central themes that begin with Creation and end up in the New Jerusalem at the end of time. In between we find the writings of the patriarchs, the psalmists and prophets and, most of all, moving accounts of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Rev Chris will be leading a series of studies in understanding the Bible after Easter 2027.

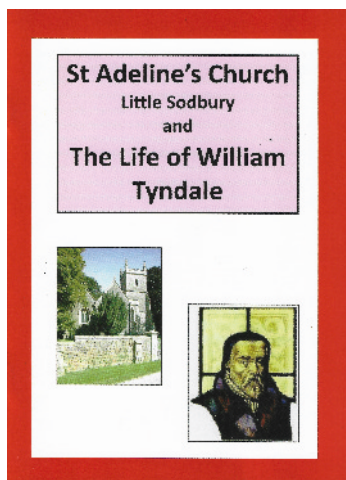
But there is one other factor that might encourage us to read: we stand on holy ground here in Sodbury Vale because it was the home turf of William Tyndale who came to be a tutor for the children of Sir John Walsh of Little Sodbury Manor, who was in the Court of Henry VIII and often entertained him. A highly educated man

and a scholar Tyndale was horrified to discover how little the local clergy knew of the Bible, because it was all in Latin. He committed himself to translate the Bible into everyday English. His story is told in the Feb-Mar issue of *SVB Outlook*.

Happily, we still enjoy the enormous privilege of reading and studying God's word in our own language (many minority groups still cannot and for others it is illegal). Let us make the most of this opportunity!

Read more in the booklet provided by St Adeline's church on the life of William Tyndale.

William Tyndale, fellowship groups, Bible course, all helping us find light along the way... **Frank Gray**



Tyndale Booklet £3.00

The Bench



St John's Church at Old Sodbury hit the big time on the BBC News, both local and national, in early September – because of its bench. No ordinary bench, by all accounts because it was voted the best public bench with the best view.

Sam Wilmot from Yate had been running an Instagram account Rate This Bench. It listed 300 benches and attracted 16,000 followers. He rated the Bench 10/10. But perhaps he had extra good reason: he and his wife were married in St John's and they had a memorable photo taken afterwards – sitting together on this top-rated bench.

As we know the view from the church is magnificent – but even better when you can sit on the best public bench in England to enjoy it!

Frank Gray

Our New Archdeacon of Gloucester

John Whittaker



Rev. Chris and I were part of the very large congregation at Gloucester Cathedral on Sunday 6 September for the licensing and installation of Rev John Whittaker as Archdeacon of Gloucester.

John was born and brought up in Zambia. He worked as an accountant in Leicester before training for ministry, when he was ordained in 2000. John served 18 years in the Diocese of Leicester before moving to the Parish of Putney in Southwark.

In his spare time, John loves cycling, using his sabbatical in 2023 to cycle around the 42 Church of England cathedrals. We look forward to welcoming John to the Sodbury Vale Benefice shortly. **Rev. Jane**

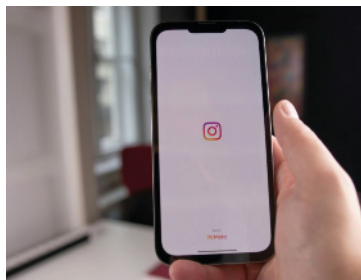
The connection deception of social media

Last week I spent 18 hours on my phone. That's more than two full working days: quite the wake-up call. The average internet user spends the same time just on social media.

LICC's founder John Stott encouraged us to have the Bible in one hand and a newspaper in the other. Over half of UK adults use social media to consume news. The world's online. Shouldn't Christians be, too? I see the argument, but I'm becoming convinced that the more we're on social media the less we're connected with culture – at least in a way that helps our mission as Christians.

Social media algorithms capitalise on our fear, heighten it. A former Facebook leader now believes 'the short-term, dopamine-driven feedback loops that we have created are destroying how society works. No civil discourse, no cooperation, misinformation, mistruth.'

We see the human tendency to segregate in the Bible. After a vision from God, Peter realised that the gospel wasn't just for Jews (Acts 10). He started building community with Gentiles. Then some Jewish men questioned his actions. So, Peter 'began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those [Jews]' (Galatians 2:12). His tribe encouraged him to disconnect from the 'other'. Paul rebukes them: 'they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel' (Galatians 2:14).



Finding community in certain groups or traditions isn't wrong. But in our digital world, we need to be alert. Social media often drives us into tribes that make us more closed to others.

How can we find a better balance between online time, Bible time, and time out in the world with others on our frontlines? Do you need to delete some apps, get ruthless? Is there someone you can be accountable to?

Kezia Martin Digital Communications Executive

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NEWS EXTRA! A new chapter for an ancient practice

Following an exploratory meeting on Tuesday 15th September, those present made a decision to establish a regular meditation group in the Benefice. Since this venture may, we hope, attract wider interest, here is an outline of the background:

- Christian meditation is the intentional act of entering a time of silence and stillness to focus on God's presence, grow deeper in relationship and experience transformation.
- It draws from the wisdom of the Gospel's teaching and the early monastic traditions of the Desert Fathers and Mothers in 4th century Egypt
- For many it is the missing link in Christian spirituality but has undergone a revival in the 20th century with the writings of John Main, Bede Griffiths, Thomas Merton and others.
- Today the torch-bearer of this global practice is led by the World Community for Christian Meditation (WCCM) a religious community which follows the Rule of St Benedict and exists as a 'monastery without walls' under the leadership of Benedictine monk, Fr Laurence Freeman, supported by a team of national and international Trust members.
- WCCM is recognised by Canterbury and Rome as a religious community
- The meditation meetings in the Benefice will operate within WCCM guidelines and a typical meeting would include a time of meditation, shared reflection and a short teaching input.

This is an open group so if you'd like to come along and try it, please get in touch for details of dates/times.

Chris Mason (revd.chris.mason@gmail.com)

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Old Sodbury picnic and concert

Following the annual tradition, the Friends of Old Sodbury Church held their picnic and concert in the Camers House gardens, Old Sodbury, during August. This is arranged as both a social event and to raise funds for the fabric and upkeep of St John's Church, Old Sodbury.

Here is a report from one of the audience:-



Well what an evening! This is not only my opinion, the concert was so good. We were a bit crowded because nearly 300 people were there with all their chairs and tables, but it didn't matter.

The weather was perfect, not too hot, but sunny, and people arrived early for their picnics - groups gathering together. It was also nice to meet up with people we don't see very often.

The Abba tribute group, Inferno, started at 6.30pm and from the word go you could feel the atmosphere. It wasn't long before people got up and started dancing in front of the stage.

But it was the second half that really got everyone going. There must have been at least 100 people up on their feet, from the young to the not nearly so young. Inferno clearly responded to their enthusiastic audience and got us singing and acting out the songs. They were even taking photos of us!

Towards the end of the second half there was a magical sunset, reflected on the shiny costumes of the group.

And then it was over; but we had had such a memorable evening. After weeks of extreme heat, keeping the gardens watered, cancellations of events, it was lovely to attend a very relaxed event and just immerse oneself in well known songs and let your hair down.

Thank you to the Friends of Old Sodbury Church who organise the event and to all the people connected with the church and village hall for all their hard work both leading up to and during the concert. It was all very well organised. And thank you to the Denman family for allowing us to use their lovely garden.

With thanks to Pauline Wilson for her reflections on the evening

Dates for our special Christmas services

Pop them in your diary now!

Friday 18 th	7pm	Carol Service	Little Sodbury
Sunday 20 th	11.15am	Carol Service	Horton
	3.00pm	Carol Service	Old Sodbury
	6.30pm	Carol Service	Chipping Sodbury
Christmas Eve	3.00pm	Crib Service	Old Sodbury
	3.00pm	Christingle	Chipping Sodbury
	4.30pm	Christingle	Chipping Sodbury
	5.00pm	First Communion of Christmas	Horton
	11.30pm	First Communion of Christmas	Old Sodbury
Christmas Day	11.30pm	First Communion of Christmas	Chipping Sodbury
	9.30am	Family Communion	Chipping Sodbury
	11.15am	Family Communion	Old Sodbury
Sunday 27 th	10.30am	Benefice Communion	Little Sodbury

Regular Church's Service Pattern				
	St John The Baptist, Chipping Sodbury	St John the Baptist, Old Sodbury	St James the Elder, Horton	St Adeline, Little Sodbury
Service Time	09:30am	11:15am	11:15am	6:00pm Until Oct 25 2026 4:00pm from Oct 25
1st Sunday	St John's Praise Child friendly informal service	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer	Evensong
2nd Sunday	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Holy Communion	Evensong
3rd Sunday	All-Age Communion	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer	Evensong
4th Sunday	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Holy Communion	Holy Communion
10:00 am every Thursday Holy Communion at the Church Centre, Wickwar Road, Chipping Sodbury				
8:30 am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Morning Prayer via Zoom. Details from Jane				
10:30 am on any 5th Sunday Holy Communion in one of the four churches				

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