

Interested?

The Bishop of Reading is leading our Taizé pilgrimage. It will run from 17–25 August 2024 and is open to anyone from school year 11 to age 30. Travel will be by overnight coach from Reading.

The cost will be held at £375 per person, to cover food, accommodation and travel.

Accommodation at Taizé will be in dormitories. All meals are provided but you'll need to bring a packed supper or money to buy food on the ferry. You'll also need appropriate clothing (bear in mind that the weather may well be very hot in August, but it can also rain – so be prepared!), a passport and a Bible.

Please let us know if cost is a barrier to you coming. There will be an opportunity to meet others in the group before going.

Further information can be found at: taize.fr

Book your place now:

oxford.anglican.org/2024-pilgrimage-to-taize.php

If you need more information please contact Bishop Olivia's office:

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Dates and deadlines

Mon 17 June: Cut-off date for bookings and £100 deposit

Mon 1 July: payment of balance

Sat 17 August: evening (time tba) leave Reading by coach

Sun 25 August: evening (time tba) arrive back in Reading by coach

Photographs courtesy the Taizé Community.



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 **Taizé**

**Pilgrimage for
young adults**

17–25 August 2024

Age 16–30?

This summer, travel to Taizé in France with young adults from across the Diocese of Oxford and join thousands of others from around the world in community, worship and prayer.

Taizé in France is an extraordinary place – quite different from anywhere else. It combines a religious monastery with the feel of a huge youth camp! Young adults from many different backgrounds and denominations travel to Taizé for a unique Christian experience of openness, solidarity and encounter.

You'll experience a wonderful sense of freedom, prayer and community. There's nothing compulsory about Taizé, but it's not a holiday resort.

What's it like?



Meetings at Taizé are about searching, listening to God and to each other and thinking about what it means to be human. Together we discover how we can act to bring justice, peace and hope to our world.

You'll stay in dormitories, eat out of plastic bowls, stay up late and spend amazing amounts of time singing and talking and sharing.

No one who has been to Taizé comes back unchanged. So why not join this pilgrimage and see what there is to discover?

You are precious in God's sight, honoured, and he loves you

In community

There is space to meet with others and space to discover how to be on your own too. Three times a day you'll gather with the Taizé community in the church for prayer with singing, Bible reading and silence.

The brothers of the community introduce daily biblical reflections organised by age and language groups, followed by a time of discussion in small groups. Each afternoon, workshops explore themes of faith and life touching on art and culture, social justice, the environment and world peace. Every day your group will be responsible for a work task.



Oyak

'Oyak' is the community area at Taizé and the location for a great time of socialising each evening with refreshments, singing, dancing and much more. If that's not your thing, then the church is always open for quiet time and reflection.

Our pilgrimage to Taizé is a unique opportunity to experience life as part of an ecumenical Christian faith community.