

Interested?

The Bishop of Reading is leading our Taizé pilgrimage. It will run from 13 - 20 August 2023 and is open to anyone from school year 11 to age 30. Travel will be by train from St Pancras International to Macon, and then a short onward journey to Taizé by bus.

The cost will be held at £375 per person, to cover food, accommodation and travel starting at St Pancras International, London. You will need to get yourself to St Pancras 60 minutes before departure. You'll also need to bring a packed lunch for the outward journey (or money to buy food).

Accommodation at Taizé will be camping. You'll also need a good tent, appropriate clothing for camping, a passport and a Bible. Bear in mind that the weather may well be very hot in August but can also rain, so bring waterproofs! All meals are provided.

Please let us know if cost or access to camping equipment is a barrier to you coming. There will be an opportunity to connect with others in the group before going.

Please do be in touch with Bishop Olivia if you have any questions at bishopreading@oxford.anglican.org.

Dates and deadlines

Mon 15 May: Cut-off date for bookings

Sun 13 August: depart from St Pancras International

Sun 20 August: arrive back in St Pancras

Further details

To register your interest, find out more, or download a copy of this leaflet, then please visit oxford.anglican.org/taize



Pilgrimage for
young adults

13 - 20 August 2023

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 camp, 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, 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.