Interested?

The Dioceses of Oxford and Guildford are travelling to Taizé!

Taizé is a religious community of brothers in the Burgundy region of eastern France, which since the end of the Second World War has been welcoming young people to stay and to share their **simple life** and **explore life's meaning**.

Join us from 16–24 August 2025 – it's open to anyone aged 15–35. Travel will be by overnight coach from Reading. There will be a pick-up point at Cobham Services for those coming from Guildford.

The cost for the week is £395 for under-18s and £425 for over-18s.

Accommodation at Taizé will be in **tents**. There will be space to have our own communal area to play games, play football and chat. Do bring a tent, camping equipment and camping chair.

Please let us know if cost or needing camping equipment is a barrier to you coming. There will be an online opportunity to meet others in the group before going and to ask any questions.

This year we will be asking for any 15–16 year-olds to come with a designated adult. This could be a parent, youth or children's minister, church leader or chaplain, to provide extra support for those going out.

Further information can be found at: www.taize.fr

Please contact the Bishop of Reading's office with any queries.

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Dates and deadlines

7 July: Cut-off date for bookings and full payment.

Book now!

<u>Taizé 2025: Pilgrimage for young adults</u> <u>Registration, Taizé, | Eventbrite</u>





Age 15-35?

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

Taizé 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 tents, eat out of plastic bowls, stay up late and spend amazing amounts of time singing, talking and sharing.

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 songs, 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.

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