



GETTING TO KNOW THE CHURCH OF SWEDEN

An opportunity to visit our link diocese in Sweden to learn about their history, structures, ecclesiology, and approach to mission and ministry.

Over one week, we will visit various places of worship, historic sites, diocesan offices, cathedrals and missional projects, as well as enjoying the opportunity to experience Swedish culture, nature and community.

Our hope is that this will inspire some reflections on our own church and ministry, offer a different perspective on approaches to mission and ministry, build relationships to resource ongoing ecumenical work, and allow us all to experience the benefits of mutual sharing in the wider Church.



Details

The trip is open for curates or incumbents (as part of your CDM) with an interest in learning from our link with Växjö. We ask that everyone commit to engaging with the programme in full, but there might also be opportunities to make space to also explore new parish links or particular areas of interest alongside our schedule. The main objectives of our link is to work in four areas: Parish Links, Cathedral Links, Ecology, Encouraging Young Leaders.

We will stay in a school that works in partnership with Växjö Diocese, just outside the city with basic but comfortable accommodation (and really good food!). We will worship with the community that work and study there in a beautiful chapel each morning, then travel to locations that will help us engage with different aspects of the life of the Church of Sweden.

The exact itinerary and travel arrangements will be confirmed nearer the time (we anticipate travel to be a combination of air, train and connecting transport), but for now it would be helpful for us to confirm interest to enable us to plan in more detail. There is a maximum of eight spaces. If we have more interest than spaces available we will introduce a short application process using the answers submitted on the registration form to make sure spaces are allocated as fairly as possible. There is no cost for this trip, but there is an expectation that some expenses are covered by each participant – please see details below.

Dates

8 – 15 September 2026. Please note the schedule is still being finalised, so keep a clear day on either side of these dates until everything is confirmed.

Included

All travel, activities, accommodation, and breakfast and dinner when at accommodation.

Additional costs covered by each participant

Meals/drinks during the day, maybe one/two evening meals if we need to eat out.

Register interest

Please fill in this online form:

oxford.anglican.org/vaxjo-visit

Closing date: 7 June 2026

