

The group were led by their
Priest-in-Charge, Canon Pam Wise,
who reported:

“ We had a wonderful time!
They treated us like royalty.
We all attended different churches
on Sunday and we participated –
I presided at the church I was in.
We had a guided tour of Linköping
cathedral and went to a premier
league football match.
They are now planning to send a
group over to us. ”

EVER
THOUGHT
OF A

LINK
WITH A
CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY
ON THE
MAINLAND
OF EUROPE?

If you would like any further information and / or
would like to explore the possibility of a link, please contact
the European Links Officer via our diocesan website,
where you will find an abridged version of this leaflet:

www.stalbans.anglican.org

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The Europe Group – one of the groups working under the auspices of the Board for Church and Society would be happy to help you.

Our Constitution states:-

“Mindful both of our common faith, culture and history and also of the spirit of concord and peace which underlie modern European unity, our purpose is to promote ecumenical understanding and community connections between the people of the Diocese of St Albans in the Church of England and Christians in other European countries, so that we may learn from each other”.

Our Diocese of St Albans has a considerable record of forming valuable links to Christian communities across Europe.

These links are supported by the Church of England’s membership of the Conference of European Churches, with its staff in Brussels.

France – The Taizé Community in Burgundy has welcomed groups from our diocese and whilst visitors of any age are made welcome, the Taizé Community is keen to welcome more young people of secondary school age, as well as those in higher education.

Germany – In spite of past international conflicts many clergy and church people from across our diocese have established links with communities in Germany. We have also made visits to the RC Möhler Institut and the Protestant District



The people of St Peter with St Paul, Kimpton visiting Schönemark, Germany.

of Paderborn. Several members of our diocese have also taken part in the lay organized church conferences (Kirchentage) which take place regularly on a large scale in major German cities. Those who are not familiar with the German language can be encouraged by the many events which are conducted in English as well as the provision of interpreting facilities.

Italy – our main links are with parishes in the Le Marche region on the eastern side of Italy. Greater ecumenical sharing is the driving force and further links are sought by our Italian friends.

Our Cathedral and Abbey Church of St Albans has received clergy and several groups of young people from this part of Italy and sent groups of

young people to the International Youth Camp at Loreto, which is held annually in the summer.



Sharnbook group of parishes visiting Calpino, Italy.

Groups from Denmark and Romania also attend this youth camp.

St Albans Cathedral is also a member of the international Green Pilgrimage movement.

Sweden – Since 2007 there has been a Covenant between Linköping Diocese and our own diocese and there is increasing interest in both dioceses in opportunities for the continuing ministerial development of clergy as well as the exchange of parish groups.



A group from All Saints, Oxhey visited Norrköping in the Diocese of Linköping.