

A typical day at Taizé

Monday to Friday

8.15 am Morning Prayer, then breakfast

10 am Introduction to the day with a brother of the community followed by small group discussion

12.20 pm Midday Prayer, then lunch

2 pm Optional song-practice during the afternoon international small groups or practical work

5.15 pm Tea

5.45 pm Theme workshops

7 pm Supper

8.30 pm Evening prayer, then vigil with songs in the church, or free time. On Fridays, evening prayer is followed by a vigil around the cross.

9.30 pm Free socialising time at 'Oyak'

11.30 pm Night silence across the camp.

Saturday

3.15 pm Theme workshops

8.30 pm Evening Prayer: Service of Light with candles to celebrate the Easter mystery

Sunday

8.45 am Breakfast

10 am Sunday Eucharist

Trip details and costs

Travel details are currently subject to confirmation but the cost will cover transport from St Albans to Taizé and back

Cost inclusive of travel, accommodation and food is £250 per person.

You will need to have a valid UK passport or valid non-UK passport with valid visa (if required)

The group will be camping, so you'll need to bring your own sleeping-bag, camping mat and a robust tent. There are shower and washing facilities on site. It can be hot in France at that time of year, but it can also rain, so you need to come prepared!

Interested?

For more information, a booking form, or if you have questions regarding Taizé or the trip itself, please contact:

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There may be support available towards the cost of the trip, please let Jos know if this would help.



St Alban's Taizé Pilgrimage – 2022



St Albans Pilgrimage to Taizé

24 - 31 July 2022

For Young People aged 15-29



Take some time out
to go deeper with
God

A message from the Bishop of Hertford

'I am delighted that in July 2022, people aged between 15 and 29 from across the Diocese of St Albans will have the opportunity to join in a pilgrimage to Taizé, an international Christian community in France.

Taizé was founded out of the conflict of WWII and is an extraordinary place to visit. Each week it offers several thousand young people from around the world time and space to breathe, to listen, to think and to live for a while to the beat of heaven. People that go to Taizé often say it's an experience that's changed their lives.

I very much hope you'd like to join the group as they travel there in July. This leaflet contains lots of information about what Taizé's like, what goes on, how you'll be getting there, the facilities and accommodation and what it all costs.

I hope you'd like to take part and see, experience, and enjoy Taizé for yourself.'

What are the meetings about?

Three times a day everyone gathers with the Taizé community in the church for prayer with songs, a scripture reading and silence.

Each day, the brothers of the community introduce a biblical reflection organised by language, followed by a time of discussion in small groups.

The meetings at Taizé are about searching, listening and thinking about what it means to be a human being, and how we can do something to bring justice, peace and hope to our world.

They provide a space where young adults can meet people their age from other countries and talk about important things. But at the same time, it is also possible at Taizé to discover how to be on your own.



In the afternoon there are workshops which explore themes of faith and life touching on work, society, art and culture, social justice, world peace.



Between the meals and times of prayer there is plenty of free time. In the evening there is a great time of socialising at 'Oyak' where over refreshments, there is singing, dancing and all kinds of spontaneous entertainment in the midst of the crowd. And the church is always open for those looking for quiet.

Nothing is compulsory about Taizé. The wonderful sense of freedom there makes the times of prayer and meeting tremendously compelling. You just want to take part in everything because there is so much to be learned and experienced there.

The trip give you chance to experience life as part of a faith community. As such, it can be a powerful experience, and you will also be expected to join in and volunteer, for example by serving the meals, washing-up and keeping the site tidy.

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 the journey and see what there is to discover?



For more about Taizé please see:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qmnvOdUELH0>

and <http://www.taize.fr>