



The
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Church Youth

Taize Pilgrimage 2026

Sun 9th August to Sun 16th August

For URC Youth Members Aged 18-25

- Ever feel like you just need to hit pause and take a breather from everything going on?
- Have you ever wondered what it might be like to step out of your usual routine and spend time focusing on prayer, community, and reflection?
- Will you be aged 18–25 in August 2026?
- Would you like to spend a week at Taizé Community, a welcoming Christian community in central France?

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY AT OUR ONLINE INFO EVENT ON THURS 16 APRIL 7:30-8:30pm. Email cydo@urcsouthern.org.uk for Zoom link.

Every year thousands of young people from all over the world travel to Taizé and stay for a week, entering into the rhythm of community life—gathering together for Taizé’s unique worship and joining with people of other countries for meetings, Bible study, discussions, prayer, meals, workshops, practical tasks and relaxation.

Taize is a place where you can belong before you believe, where belief is not prescribed but there is space and openness to explore your own faith journey.

Why come to Taizé?

Thousands of young people come from around the world come to Taize – there is something that draws them. The simple beauty of the prayers with silence and singing. The fun of meeting people from around the world and living and working together. The chance to share in open ended discussions about the bible, prayer, making the world a better place! Taize is a place that touches people, that changes people, there is an openness that enables people to belong whatever their background.

Practical stuff!

Getting there & cost

You will be travelling by Eurostar and TGV trains leaving early on Sunday morning and returning the following Sunday. The URC will be offering a significant subsidy which is yet to be confirmed but the hope is that young people will have to pay no more than £250 maximum if booked by end of April BUT there are also **other grants available to help with the cost**. Check out the Taize web-site for more information: www.taize.fr

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More about Taize.....

Taize is an ecumenical monastic community in France. From its beginning the community has been inspired by two aims: to live in communion with God through prayer and to be a leaven of peace and trust in the midst of the human family. A stay at Taizé is an opportunity to seek communion with God in prayer, singing, silence and reflection. It can be possible to rediscover an inner peace, a meaning to life and a new impetus.

The youth meetings in Taizé take place around the community of brothers who live there. The meetings are an international experience – young people come from throughout Europe and from other continents. Everyone is invited to enter into the rhythm of community life for the week – gathering with the brothers at prayer times, joining with people from other countries for meetings, meals, small group discussions and practical tasks (serving meals, washing up, etc.).

A typical day at Taizé

From Monday to Friday

8.15 am Morning prayer, then breakfast

10.00 am Introduction to the day with a brother of the community followed by quiet reflection or small group discussion

12.20 pm Midday prayer, then lunch

3.30 pm Practical work / international small groups

5.15 pm Tea

5.45 pm Theme workshops

7.00 pm Supper

8.30pm Evening prayer, then vigil with songs in the church.



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