

DIOCESE IN EUROPE

THE CHURCH
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THE FRIENDS OF THE DIOCESE IN EUROPE - Autumn 2021

Dear Friends

" ... and it was very good."

These words from Genesis (1:31) are the inspiration for the 2021 Annual Service of the Friends of the Diocese in Europe, which will take place on **Monday 25 October at 1100 hours (BST) or 1200 hours (CET)**. At a time when we are yearning for the worst effects of the global Pandemic to pass, this service celebrates God's Creation, and why our Faith is a constant source of hope for us. The service will be streamed live from the Pro-Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, Brussels. The celebrant will be the Rt Revd Dr Robert Innes, Bishop in Europe and among others taking part will be the Archdeacon of Gibraltar, and of Italy and Malta; the Diocesan Environment Officer; and members of the Friends' Committee. Please join us using the following link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87565692427?pwd=RmpkT0FDaDA1VHQrSk5SVmZRV2Jndz09>

Meeting ID: 875 6569 2427

Passcode: 443591

An Order of Service will be available to be downloaded from the Friends' News web page (<https://europe.anglican.org/friends-of-the-diocese/friends-of-the-diocese-news>) in due course but will also be on screen during the service.

Many of you over the last year or so have probably quite surprised yourself by the way in which you have had to embrace the world of electronic communication and have most likely found it rather useful if not essential for shopping, banking, medical appointments and continued contact with family and friends. Frustrating at times and who hasn't forgotten to mute / unmute at some point or like myself found luxury cat food arriving with an on-line order when I don't even have a cat!

Around 100 of you receive this letter, the Prayer Diary etc by surface mail 'postal Friends' and the Friends' Committee would like to encourage as many of you as are able to do so to make the move to receiving communications by email. The annual cost of printing / postage per person is £10. So, releasing £1,000 could mean the Friends giving two more language tuition grants for example.

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The advantages of being a 'digital Friend' would be access to up-to-date diocesan news via the website and the digital European Anglican magazine. This is the replacement for the printed version, which has been much missed. The content is as good as ever, just a different format.

If you do not have an electronic device or remain email hesitant please consider the cost of printing / postage when making your annual donation.

Please let me know if you would like to join the list of 'digital Friends'. Under General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), I need your specific permission to change your original contact preference: jeanne.french@churchofengland.org

At the last meeting of the Friends' Committee, on your behalf, a grant was given to support a language tuition course for a new Chaplain, and you are also contributing towards supporting two of the first stipendiary curates in the Diocese. The Friends are very much part of this exciting step forward for the Diocese and its future ministry.

Keep well, keep safe and keep praying for the Diocese, its Clergy, Readers and Congregations.

Jeanne

(Honorary Secretary, Friends of the Diocese in Europe)