

# DIOCESE IN EUROPE

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## ***THE FRIENDS OF THE DIOCESE IN EUROPE – AUTUMN 2022***

In church on the Sunday after the HM Queen Elizabeth II had died, I looked at the pew sheet and saw that liturgically it was 'Ordinary Time' and thought it seemed to be anything but 'ordinary time'. An extraordinary time and an extraordinary bringing together of many people despite differences. It would be good to think that aspect would remain as part of the future – a legacy of an amazing reign. Do look at the Diocesan website to find out how this moment in history was marked around the Chaplaincies.

So a rather sad conclusion to the long hot summer, which presented unexpected challenges whether it was how to reach the garden with a bowl of used water without spilling thus requiring a floor mop-over or the battle against sandy dust that appears on surfaces overnight (a fact of living on a building site and having air vents open) or finding a new route to church, avoiding getting a fine for straying into a bus lane (three fines so far), because the council has decided to close the High Street to cars. I have now avoided the High Street for weeks but now discover the start date has been postponed! Of course, the Wordle daily challenge remains and seems to dictate how a day goes – a success within two or three guesses seems to suggest a good day but a complete failure (there are some unusual words) and the day can sometimes get in a bit of a muddle.

Continuing the theme of 'challenges', a member of the Friends has come up with an elegantly simple one and is generously offering to give the funds £10 for every Friend on the postal mailing list who transfers to the electronic list. The Friends' funds are currently depleted having just given the second grant of three to the very worthwhile cause of supporting stipendiary curates in the Diocese. The offer is backdated so the total so far is £240. It would be lovely to think that a good number of the seventy-three remaining on the postal list could raise some much-needed funds as well as saving future postal costs. Please contact me if you would like to transfer to the electronic list.

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With many thanks for your continuing support and prayers for the Chaplaincies, Clergy and Readers of this Diocese,

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