



## *THE FRIENDS OF THE DIOCESE IN EUROPE* *Summer 2019*

Your latest mailing has been delayed in part because we have been giving due consideration to future ways of communicating with you in discussion with our Diocesan Communications Director, who briefed the July meeting of the Friends Committee.

Diocesan Communications have moved decisively online to the website (which the Friends have generously supported), and social media. At the same time, and to continue to meet the needs and interests of those not online, the Communications Director has developed a hard copy product for us featuring a selection of articles from Diocesan website stories and developments from across the Diocese in the first half of this year. This selection has been put together for your reading with this mailing.

The Friends Committee welcomed this innovation, and we hope you like it. It is included in this mailing as a first run, with a view to possibly including up to three per year, with each of our mailings. You will also receive a hard copy of the 2019 Diocesan Review containing all the highlights and events of the past year, which is due out in January 2020. And you will continue to receive a hard copy of the Diocesan prayer diary (the version enclosed covers the period up to the end of September 2019).

The Friends' Committee confirmed a grant for language tuition and approved another. Also approved was a grant for CEMES (Church of England Ministry Experience Scheme) for the year 2020.

Thank you to the Friends, who recently increased their annual donation enabling the Friends to continue their efforts to support and encourage ministry in the Diocese. All donations whether a one-off or regular are gratefully received. The Committee felt that £30 a year should now be the guide for a minimum annual donation, which is just £2.50 a month or around 58 pence a week. Amending an existing Banker's Order is easily done through your bank. **Please take action on this as necessary.**

The Friends' Service will be, as last year, at St Mark's Church, Regent's Park on **Saturday, 28 September at 12 noon** to be followed by a light buffet lunch. The Committee hopes that as many of you as possible will come along. Bishop Robert Innes will preside, and Bishop Edward Holland will preach. To ensure accurate catering, pre-registration for lunch is essential. Payment for lunch, which includes a glass of wine or soft drink, is by donation and £15 is suggested. Additional wine or soft drinks will be available for a donation of £2 a glass. Payments to be made on the day by cash or cheque (cheques payable to the Diocese in Europe (Friends)).

To register for lunch, please complete the accompanying form and return by **9<sup>th</sup> September** to the Honorary Secretary, Diocese in Europe, 14 Tufton Street, London SW1P 3QZ.

Yours sincerely

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