

# DIOCESE IN EUROPE

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

I have found that quite often previous experiences in life come in useful and this proved to be the case after I moved to a new house and joined a church congregation as a 'newbie'. During the after-service coffee conversations I was amazed to find connections with the Diocese in Europe in this unlikely place, which had been feeling almost like the edge of the universe illustrated to me by the fact that the first and last collection of the day at most post boxes is 9am! Anyway, the church encounters I have experienced have helped to provide anchors in an unfamiliar environment and made me feel much more at home leading me to conclude that perhaps there is life outside London and the M25 after all.

So, it must have been for many of the members of the Friends, who having washed up in another country for whatever reason, have found their way to an Anglican Church in Europe for worship and friendship in a familiar language and now maintain their connection to the Diocese through the Friends, who complete the circle by supporting on-going ministry for others. Simple but it seems to work. So, you are all important if not essential to the cause.

As a rather amusing and sad aside, whilst singing hymns recently I found myself spotting five-letters words just in case they might come in useful for Wordle. I was introduced to this game whilst recovering from illness recently and it has become a bit of a habit or as one close to me might say 'an obsession'. It is to be hoped it will be one of those nine-day wonders!

The next Committee meeting is in July and afterwards, I am hopeful there will be something to report to you about the Friends Annual Service. Whatever, the location or format it does provide a point of contact so please do keep it in mind for the autumn. If you can access the internet, please watch the Friends webpage for further news.

With all good wishes,

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