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French Archdeaconry Synod – Report for AGM 2023

I have until very recently been our sole Representative on the Archdeaconry Synod. I am delighted to tell you that Catherine Chambers was nominated during the year to be our second Representative.

Then 2022 Synod was held via Zoom videoconferencing on Saturday morning 14 May and Wednesday evenings 18 and 25 May 2022. Rather than re-invent the wheel I suggest that you go on line to:

<https://anglicanfrance.fr/archdeaconry-synod/france-archdeaconry-synod-2022/>

where you will find a full report of our proceedings.

On 4 March 2023 Synod members, Chaplains and Readers, together with some of the Chaplaincy Treasurers and Churchwardens met via Zoom for a finance-focused synod meeting. Once again I would refer you to the appropriate web site:

<https://anglicanfrance.fr/france-archdeaconry-synod-2023/>

Although many of the participants at both these meetings very much missed the three-day residential meetings of former years with opportunities to meet with our opposite numbers from all y=the other Chaplaincies across France it has obviously been sensible during Covid for us to resort to technology. During the recent Finance meeting we discussed this question and have resolved, for the moment at least, not to meet face-to-face. The cost to the Archdeaconry of residential meetings is enormous not to mention the cost to Chaplaincies by way of mileage allowances to attendees and the carbon footprints involved.

I am delighted that our Archdeacon Peter will be with us to chair our AGM.

Geoffrey Cornwall