



**George Battrick, Munich
Council of Advice, Lay**

George Battrick grew up in Manchester in an “ecumenical family” (mother Methodist, father Church of England) and has an MA in engineering from the University of Cambridge. He has lived in Munich, and been a member of the Church of the Ascension, since 1993, having originally planned to stay for only two or three years. He sings in the church choir, has participated in several church “mission and service” trips to “Children in Distress” in Romania, and represents The Episcopal Church in the Bavarian Council of Churches (“AcK in Bayern”). He is currently in year 4 of the EfM programme.

He has served several terms on the Church of the Ascension Vestry, including periods as Secretary, Junior Warden and Senior Warden, and has attended Convocation Conventions in all parishes of the Convocation except Clermont Ferrand. He was a member of the Council of Advice for four years, including two years as its President. He was coopted onto this year’s Council last autumn, and so is standing for a one-year term to complete the two-year period.

He believes that the Anglican “middle way” has a significant role to play in Europe and beyond in a world that seems increasingly factional and polarised, and that while the extremes of Christianity seem to be trying to ignore or roll back the Enlightenment, The Episcopal Church is seriously endeavouring to develop and live Christianity in a post-Enlightenment world.