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From the Chaplain



We are about to take a next step towards our future as a congregation by engaging in a large consultation exercise, which is also a call to a fresh commitment on the part of all our members.

It's a step of faith, and my hope is that you will find it as exciting a prospect as I do. Read about it in this issue of the Konvikt, and look out for more details.

Dear Friends,

This time of year is always a time of promise and hope for me; it's nearly always the season of new initiatives in the church, and this is especially true for us at this time.



God bless you in all that you do.

Chris Lyon.



Politics, Piety, and Principles

Regard Protestant

*Article for Luxemburger Wort 25
September 2004*

*from the Rev'd Chris Lyon, Anglican
Chaplain to the English-Speaking Church
Community.*

Terrorism has been such a part of our lives in Western Europe that most people will probably have imagined at some point in their lives what it would be like if a bomb suddenly exploded in their place of work or their neighbourhood. But nothing has prepared us for the long and horrific drama of the kidnapping of hostages, the video pleas for help, and the torment of waiting for news of the beheading, or perhaps the release, of the victims.

That this should be done "In the Name of God" is incomprehensible to us. It is, of course, condemned by Muslim leaders all over the world, but we remain shocked that religious people can act in this terrible way. What is it about religion that allows this to happen? As we wonder about the power of religion in the culture of the East, we might usefully think about its effects in the West.

George Bush and Tony Blair are two of the most publicly religious statesmen of the Western world in the last one hundred years. How does their religious belief affect their decision-making? Do we expect that it should?

The irony is that they are engaged in a complicated conflict in which religion is a highly conspicuous element. Its parallel is perhaps not so much with the war in Vietnam or World War II but with the Thirty Years War, which smouldered across Europe, especially in this region, almost 400 years ago, 1618-48. It was a war of particularly horrific brutality, with a high civilian death toll, and it too was fuelled by religion.

The religious inheritance of that war was the pietist movement, which has done so much to mark religion in Western Europe and America, especially Protestantism. Pietism was concerned to make religion more a matter of the heart, so that worship should be more fervent, less intellectually controversial. But it also encouraged the tendency to remove religion from the realm of everyday public activity and rational discourse and turn it into an issue of private life and personal emotional engagement.

It is no surprise to us then that as political leaders Tony Blair and George Bush are willing to speak of their personal piety, - the sincerity of their religious conviction and personal motivation, - but have nothing to say about the way in which their beliefs guide their actions. We in the west find this normal, but elsewhere in the world this must seem very puzzling. Piety might warm the heart and help to win votes, but it offers no insights, and does nothing to illuminate the

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dark complexity of the modern world. Religious principles, on the other hand, do offer guidance and clarity, and they also enable accountability.

At the core of the teaching of Jesus is what has become known as the Golden Rule. "Whatever you wish that men would do to you, do so to them, for this is the law and the prophets." *Matthew 7,12.* Jesus spoke these words in a political and religious situation which was then not very different to that of Iraq today. This teaching is echoed in all the great religions of the world, including Islam. Muhammad said "None of you is a believer until you love for your neighbour what you love for yourself" *Hadith: Nawawi 13*

This religious principle is universally applicable in every age and situation. But do we have the courage to live and act in accordance with this principle. Would we vote for leaders who acted in this way? If this religious principle were the maxim of all our political actions might it help to defuse the situation in Iraq, and also in Israel and Palestine ? These are the questions which truly test our faith.

The core of Protestantism as a spiritual movement is that we are justified by our faith. Piety and faith are two different things. Acts of piety generate the warm feelings which make religion such a comfort when life is hard. Faith on the other hand gives us the courage to do the

right thing, even when there seems very little hope for the future.

We know a lot about the *piety* of George Bush and Tony Blair. Might it also be possible that political leaders everywhere might demonstrate more *faith*?

Perhaps the answer to that question lies with us. Democracy is not simply about having the right to criticise our leaders, it is also about the obligation laid on each of us to take responsibility for the public life of our society. Those of us who are followers of Jesus have the task of doing all that we can to apply Jesus' principles to our political life so that there is more abundant life for all. That political life does not only happen at election time. Day by day we continually create political culture by our words and actions. We need not only to vote for those who those who act according to our principles, between elections we also need to live by these principles ourselves and commend them to others. Piety is not enough, what is required is a culture of faith that enables principled action to become a political possibility.

Chris Lyon

This article appeared in a slightly different form in the Luxemburger Wort of 25 September 2004

OUR CHURCH WEBSITE

The following pages of our website are designed to be helpful Sunday by Sunday by complementing the pew sheets and the Konvikt magazine.

SERVICES - shows which services are planned for which dates.

NEWS - gives current information about church matters.

EVENTS - a calendar of future church events as dates become known.

READINGS - read this Sunday's and/or last Sunday's readings, or if you are a reader check your reading for future dates.

CHURCH ROTAS - for checking up on current or future rota duties. To enter this page via the members page you choose a username and a password which you email to vaudrey@vol.lu (webmaster).

LINKS - quick access to other sites which may be of interest - suggestions welcome.

PHOTOS - a gallery of photos of church events and people.

USEFUL FORMS - which can be printed off for various purposes.

All pages are updated as soon as the information becomes available.

www.anglican.lu is there for you.

Bookmark it now so it's easy to find.



New Words to Old Hymns

In a moment of weakness I came up with a wonderful idea, I could make a living rewriting old poems in modern English.

So I began with one of the Classics
*"I strolled alone as a lot of steam,
 That drifts up there over valleys and hills
 When suddenly lots of things I saw in a dream,
 A big bunch of yellow daffodils
 Near to the pond under some leaves
 Jiggling and jumping in the wind"*

But then I reread the original and abandoned the idea.

I have the same dilemma when using "Hymns for Today's Church" and I believe I share this feeling with the

rest of the Choir.

There is nothing wrong with singing a beautifully written hymn to new setting, but I can see no reason to translate the words just for the sake of it especially when it destroys the beauty of the words. By all means write completely different words to old tunes, I have done it myself, but don't mess with the originals.

PS If you like my translation of "Daffodils" my book of modern texts will be out in time for Christmas (2010)

Stuart Alexander



Letters from Luxembourg

A Gleam in My Eye

by Mary Elvinger

Mary Elvinger came to Luxembourg late in 1945 as the American bride of Pierre Elvinger, whom she had met as part of the Luxembourg government-in-exile in Montreal during the war. A new bride with a keen observational eye, she kept in touch with friends and family with an effervescent stream of letters. Many of them were sent to a friend in the Luxembourg embassy in Washington, and were returned to Mary only a short time ago when the embassy changed premises. They are as fresh as the day they were written, and Laine Jacob, as editor, has wisely refrained from

altering a word. The letters are by turn funny, embarrassing and poignant, but always entertaining.

Laine and Mary's many other friends persuaded her that the letters should be published, and Mary has agreed on the condition that all profits from their sale go to charity. [A Gleam in My Eye](#) can be bought at Chapter One for €11, with the profit going to "Fondation Raoul Follereau". Later it will be for sale at the Book Stand of the International Bazaar, with the profits going to the many Bazaar charities.

Catherine Allen

The Pastoral Register

One of the biggest difficulties we face in Luxembourg is trying to keep tabs on ourselves. People come and go with great frequency, and it is quite difficult to keep up to date with names and addresses.

We need to establish a Pastoral Register, held by the Chaplain in compliance with all the relevant data protection legislation.

The most successful part of our current administration is the register of members of the ESCC. It contains the list of all the members of the ESCC asbl, which is the way in which our chaplaincy is presently organised under Luxembourg law.

Although this register is very useful, a big problem is that a considerable number of the people who participate in the life of our congregation are not registered as members for one reason or another. Another problem is that this legal register contains no pastoral information. The Chaplaincy also has an electoral roll, which contains the names of all the members of the

chaplaincy who are entitled to participate in church decisions. This register conforms to the rules of the Church of England. But not everybody wants formally to join the Church of England, especially if they are members of another denomination.

We hope that, by setting up a pastoral register everyone who is involved in the life of our chaplaincy, or who wants to be associated with it as a friend or supporter, will feel able to put their names on this register. In that way we can keep in touch, and in case of need or crisis, we will be able to offer help and support much more effectively.

Article taken from December 2003 Konvikt

<p>Pastoral Registration Forms</p> <p>are available at the back of the church. An explanation is given on the form. Completed forms should be placed in the box at the back of the church.</p>

**Condensed Minutes of Church Council meeting held on
7 September 2004 (just add water).**

Present: The Rev'd Chris Lyon, Barbara Thomson and Simon Norcross (Churchwardens), Campbell Thomson (Treasurer), Catherine Allen (Secretary), Anthea MacDonald, Roderick Dunnett, Christopher Vaudrey, Moira Hogg..

and is providing the relevant paperwork.

Ministry Report

The Chaplain is not in rude health and is having the matter investigated. He reports that one way and another, there is much grief in Luxembourg.

Minutes of last meeting:

It was asked that the order of action on the chapel lease be expressed in the Minutes as well as the Action Points. This was done.

The school timetable is out (on file) and the Chaplain's free day is now Thursday. Chris Vaudrey will post on the website the fact that the Chaplain's **day off** is, therefore, **Thursday.**

Action Points Review:

Treasurer's Report

1) The Chalice has been re-silvered (ground, polished and plated) at a cost of €540.

Campbell Thomson gave out monthly financial reports for July and August 2004 as well as a list of other expenditures in excess of €100 since January 2004 (on file). Globally, we are more or less breaking even, although Sundry expenditures are up.

2) Font: the least expensive font found in the UK would cost about £450. A firm in Trier will make a font to order at a cost of about €600.

The handling of the Vicarage Fund is to be put on the next Council meeting Agenda.

3) The Steinsel Hall has been booked for 10 October for the Harvest Festival lunch.

**"Stewardship Campaign" and
Assistant Priest**

4) Contract for Administrative Assistant: The Treasurer has pointed out that this needs to be updated and has undertaken to do so.

The Chaplain had prepared a paper about the campaign and the possible appointment of an assistant priest (on file).

Matters Arising

* Convention

The Chaplain has drafted a letter to the Bishop of Europe to M Bilchen, Minister of Cultes and awaits a reply. He has been nominated for the post

There is to be a reception at the Vicarage (24 September, 6:30-8:30 pm) for those people selected as hosts and visitors for the campaign.

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A letter is being sent out to recruit these individuals. The Council will also attend (or else). The Chaplain will explain the procedures for meetings and follow-up and generally inspire enthusiasm at the reception.

The Chaplain would like a good name for the campaign and has proposed "Futurestep" in the absence of any other.

It was noted by the Treasurer and Chaplain that the stipends provided under the *Convention* brings with them some problems. The stipends assume that a priest is already provided with housing and make no allowance for pension payments, so the Chaplaincy must continue to pay these expenses. A second priest could thus be a considerable additional financial burden, especially as we can no longer rely upon income from the European School. It appears that the teaching may cease within 3 years.

A new priest will need accommodation, possibly schooling for offspring, payment of utilities etc as well as possible premises in which to exercise ministry, if, for instance, he/she were working with teens. The Treasurer gave as sample amounts perhaps €1200 per month for accommodation and €200-250 for utilities. Overall, an increase of 40% in giving should be our target to finance a new priest, and it should be made clear that this expansion in the

ministry cannot happen unless there is a sufficient increase in giving.

Therefore, one of the main points of the giving campaign will be the goal of hiring a new priest. The costs of this are predictable and we must indicate to the congregation a minimum target (perhaps 35%) before we take any definite priest-hiring steps. A definite financial congregational commitment is essential. Some idea of the desired per-person giving should be given and standing orders should be emphasised as A GOOD THING.

Hoped for sequence - 1) campaign with goal of hiring priest, 2) money, 3) priest, 4) work of priest increases momentum of giving; result - dynamic Chaplaincy.

NB: The Chaplain has identified a potential choirmaster. However, **he would have to be paid.**

Any Other Business

* Church Fair - Planning of the next Church Fair should begin now, especially if, as seems likely, Tarquin Crouch will not be able to co-ordinate in 2005.

* Christmas Lunch - This will take place on the same day as the Family Carol Service (12 December) at the restaurant next door to the Konvikt Centre. The Chaplain will enlist a Santa.

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* Front Door of Vicarage - A quote of €300 to paint the front door and railings has been received from Keith Miller. more than 10%.

Dates of next Meeting - Tuesday 5 October

* Approval of Invoices Procedure - This should comprise 1) verification of invoice against work carried out etc, 2) payment by the Treasurer, 3) approval by the Council if the approved estimate is exceeded by

The meeting closed with the Grace at 10:58 pm.

Catherine Allen, Secretary

Giving to Christian Aid

The World Wide Web is certainly an interesting, er, world. Or web. What makes the news is usually from a darker side – hostage videos on so-called Muslim fundamentalist sites, paedophile scandals, phenomenally costly damage done by hackers etc. It is encouraging to see that Christian organisations and charities are now really putting the Web to good use in what we would probably consider more worthy causes.

I mentioned recently in these pages that Scripture Union daily Bible reading booklets can be obtained via www.scriptureunion.org.uk Another example that I came across a few months ago is the latest edition of the Christian Aid Web site. If like me

you have wondered how you could make some contribution to - just to take an obvious current example - the alleviation of the appalling suffering of the displaced populations of Darfur in Sudan, you may be interested to know that there is now an on-line credit card donation facility on the site, www.christianaid.org.uk Having accessed the site, click on “world” for information about the areas in which Christian Aid is working and click on “give” to make a donation. Of course this may not be everybody’s preferred channel for their charitable giving, but it is to be welcomed that charities use technological solutions to make it as easy as possible for would-be supporters to contribute to them financially.

Simon Norcross

A New Twist to the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven.

Yes?

Don't interrupt me – I'm praying.

But you called me.

Called you? No, I didn't call you. I'm praying. *Our Father, who art in Heaven.*

There – you did it again!

Did what?

Called me. You said, "Our Father, who art in Heaven." Well, here I am. What's on your mind?

But, I didn't mean anything by it. I was, you know, just saying my prayers for the day. I always say the Lord's Prayer. It makes me feel good, kind of like fulfilling a duty.

Well, all right. Go on.

Okay. Hallowed be Thy name ...

Hold it right there. What do you mean by that?

By what?

Hallowed.

It means, it means ... good grief, I don't know what it means. How in the world should I know? It's just a part of the prayer. By the way, what does it mean?

I means honoured, holy, wonderful.

Hey, that makes sense. I never thought about what 'hallowed' meant before. Thanks. *Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.*

Do you really mean that?

Sure, why not?

What are you doing about it?

Doing? Why, nothing I guess. I just think it would be kind of neat if you got control of everything down here like you have up there. We're in rather a mess down here, you know.

Yes, I know; but, have I got control of you?

Well, I go to church ...

That isn't what I asked you. What about your bad temper? You've really got a problem there, you know. And then there's the way you spend your money – all on yourself. And what about the kind of books you read?

Now hold on a minute! Stop picking on me – I'm just as good as some of the other people at church!

Excuse me. I thought you were praying for My will to be done. If that is to happen, it will have to start with the ones who are praying for it. Like you, for example.

Oh, all right. I guess I do have some hang-ups. Now that you mention it, I could probably think of some others.

So could I.

I haven't thought about it very much until now, but I really would like to cut out some of those things. I would like to, you know, be really free.

Good. Now we're getting somewhere. We'll work together – you and I. I'm proud of you!

Look, Lord, if you don't mind, I need to finish this prayer. It's taking a lot longer than it usually does. *Give us this day our daily bread.*

You need to cut down on the bread. You're overweight as it is.

Hey, wait a minute! Here I am, doing my religious duty, and all of a sudden you interrupt and remind me of all my faults!

Praying is a dangerous thing. You just might get what you ask for. Remember – you called me, and here I am. It's too late to stop now – keep praying.

... (pause) ...

Well, go on.

I'm scared to.

Scared? Of what?

I know what you'll say.

A New Twist to the Lord's Prayer

Try me.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

What about Jane?

There, I knew it! I knew you'd bring her up! Why, Lord, she's told lies about me, spread malicious stories. She hasn't paid back the money she owes me. I've sworn to get even with her!

But – your prayer – what about your prayer?

I didn't mean it.

Well, at least you're honest. But it's quite a load carrying around all that bitterness and resentment, isn't it?

Yes, but I'll feel better as soon as I sort her out – she'll wish she'd never been born!

No, you won't feel any better. You'll feel worse. Revenge isn't sweet. You know how unhappy you are – well, I can change that.

You can? How?

Forgive Jane. Then, I'll forgive you, and the sin and hate will be Jane's problem – not yours. You'll have settled the problem as far as you're concerned.

Oh, you know, you're right. You always are. And more than I want revenge, I want to be right with You ... (sigh). All right ... all right ... I forgive her.

There now! Wonderful! How do you feel?

Hmmm, well, not bad. Not bad at all. In fact, I feel pretty great! You know, I don't think I'll go to bed uptight tonight. I haven't been getting much rest, you know.

I know. But, you're not through with your prayer are you? Go on.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Good! Good! I'll do that. Just don't put yourself in a position where you can be tempted.

What do you mean by that?

You know what I mean.

Yes, I know.

Okay, go ahead. Finish your prayer.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory. Amen.

Do you know what would bring me glory – what would really make me happy?

No, but I'd like to know. I want to please You now. I've really made a mess of things. I want to truly follow you. I can see now how great that would be. So, tell me – how do I make You happy?

You just did.



Two questions for the future of our church....

During October and November we have planned a programme of meetings all over Luxembourg to enable every member of our congregation to participate in developing the future of our congregation. Following on from our AGM last March, we have divided the Grand Duchy into fifteen areas, and we hope that by holding a meeting in each area we can present the proposals which were put to the AGM, and which the AGM, in turn, wanted to take to the whole congregation.

Each member of our congregation, including everyone on our Pastoral Register, will be contacted and personally invited to participate in shaping the vision of our church, and enabling us to turn our vision into action.

Is this the way you would like our church to develop ?

- To develop a stronger sense of our identity as a congregation, by enabling greater participation and offering more effective pastoral support
- To develop spiritually, by creating regular newcomer groups, offering training and development courses, away days and congregational retreats, and giving a greater priority to prayer

- To develop better support and integration for a growing number of young families, and to ensure a better provision for our children's and teen's work.
- To develop a more effective outreach and ministry to the wider community, including a ministry to people at work in Luxembourg, a better engagement with the social and ethical issues raised by work and community life, and to play our part in developing an integrated and multicultural society here in Luxembourg.
- To continually develop a more effective use of our resource, so that our finances serve our mission, and the whole congregation contributes to the church's activity.

Are you willing to give (more) on a regular basis to enable this to happen?

- Our chaplain is already overstretched and the level of pastoral demand continues to grow.
- New work will require additional staff; we hope to appoint an additional priest in the foreseeable future

Two questions for the future of our church....

- The recently signed Convention with the State will provide us with two stipends, for a chaplain and an assistant
How you can help answer these questions.
Read carefully the information which we will be sending you in the next few weeks.
- We will require to find housing for a new priest and money to resource and accommodate the new work which we expect him or her to undertake.
If for some reason you do not receive a letter from us (perhaps because we don't have your address, or your details have changed), contact us so we can include you in our project.
- We estimate that we require an increase of at least 35% in our regular income to meet these projected costs. Without this substantial increase in giving we will not be able to develop.
Come to the brief meeting which we will be holding in your area and make your views known to us.
Fill in the response card which will come to you along with all the information and return it to the office.

Think positively about the future of our church, and pray for the success of our new venture.



Anglican Peace and Justice Network Statement on the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict September 22, 2004

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Give Sight to the Blind and Freedom to the Captives

We, as members of the Anglican Peace and Justice Network, representing 23 Provinces of the worldwide 75,000,000 member Anglican Communion, have visited the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem over these last 8 days, and during that time have been inspired by the faith of the people in the diocese, while also being exposed to the draconian conditions of the continuing Occupation under which so many Palestinians live. We have heard from Israeli Jewish voices, and from Palestinians, both those who reside in Israel and those who live under Occupation. We note the continuing policies of illegal home demolitions, detentions, checkpoints, identity card systems and the presence of the Israeli military that make any kind of normal life impossible. We have seen and heard the effects of the overwhelming presence of settlements or colonies in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and in Gaza, and the bypass roads and highways that connect them while disconnecting Palestinian villages, one from another. We have seen the destruction of precious arable lands and restrictions on precious water resources. Finally, and shockingly, we have been exposed to the separation wall that violates international boundaries, causing mayhem in Palestinian daily life and further defines Israeli intentions to appropriate land from the Palestinians.

We conclude from our experience that there is little will on behalf of the Israeli government to recognize the rights of the Palestinians to a sovereign state to

be created in the West Bank - which includes East Jerusalem - and Gaza. Israel, with the complicity of the United States, seems determined to flaunt international laws, whether they are the Geneva Conventions, United Nations resolutions or the most recent decision of the International Court of Justice in declaring the separation wall illegal. In fact, we note that this latter decision is based on building the wall on Palestinian territory, which once again demonstrates the illegality of the Occupation itself.

We deeply respect and honor those Israelis who are prepared to end this miserable Occupation and recognize a Palestinian State, people courageously committed to justice and who work against home demolitions, who promote human rights and oppose settlements, bypass roads and the separation wall. And we pay tribute to the courage, endurance and hope of the Palestinian people who suffer the dreadful injustice of the Occupation.

We deplore the unwillingness of the Israeli government to implement United Nations resolutions 242 and 338. At the same time, we want to assure the Israeli Jewish community of our concern for their security and safety, to be able live without fear. We deplore the unbroken cycle of violence, which has claimed too many innocent lives on both sides. We condemn violence whatever the source. We reach out to Palestinians and Israelis of good will, assuring both of them of our love and support in ending this long and troubled conflict. We embrace all those who have lost loved ones in the violence and extend our deepest sympathies.

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We offer not only our solidarity for a just peace, but also our observation that it is the Occupation in its many facets that foments the violence and fuels the conflict. Collective punishment of the Palestinian people must be brought to an end.

We therefore urge the following steps in order to achieve a sovereign and independent Palestine living alongside a secure Israel recognized by and at peace with her neighbors:

- The withdrawal of Israeli armed forces from all occupied areas in accordance with 1967 borders and a complete halt to settlement building, both new or expanded, to be followed by a process of phasing out settlements altogether
- The immediate dismantling of the separation wall in compliance with the ruling of the International Court of Justice wherever the wall violates West Bank land
- The introduction of an international peacekeeping force under the auspices of the United Nations into the Occupied Territories charged with maintaining security so that both sides may be free from further attacks
- A humanitarian effort led by the United Nations to provide relief to the suffering Palestinian people
- The immediate resumption of negotiations involving Israel and the Palestinian Authority under the umbrella of the United Nations, European Union, Russia, the United States and the Arab League (while we support a total withdrawal from Gaza, we urge it to be part of an overall resolution of the conflict).

- That negotiations be based on United Nations resolutions 242 and 338 that results in a viable and sovereign Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital as well as the capital of Israel, and assures the right of return for Palestinian refugees

The unconditional recognition of the state of Palestine must be implemented if peace is to prevail in the Middle East.

As an aside, we are deeply troubled by the use of United States-made weapons and aircraft provided to Israel and being used for attacks on civilian targets, which occur with increasing frequency. We urge a moratorium on the use of such weapons, which violate US law.

And we address a word to the wider conflict in the Middle East. The war in Iraq further fuels anger and hatred during these already volatile times. We urge the withdrawal of US forces to be replaced with an international presence led by the United Nations. Further, we believe that a much more constructive course would be for President Bush and Prime Minister Blair to intervene and resuscitate the peace process as a direct action of healing and reconciliation for the global community.

Finally, we call upon the faith communities, and especially the Anglican Communion, to a time of focused and intentional prayer and advocacy for peace in the Holy Land. We call on the leadership of the Abrahamic Faiths from around the world to exercise their authority and influence on the political leadership among the several nations who carry the responsibility for making a just peace.

SERVICES

03 Oct Harvest Festival	10am HC	11am FS	6.30pm CE
10 Oct Trinity 18	10am HC	11am HC	

All services are held in the
Konvikt Chapel
5, Ave Marie-Thérèse
Luxembourg.



HC=Holy Communion
FS=Family Service
CE=Choral Evensong
MP=Morning Prayer



A Prayer

<p>We praise you, O God, for the fellowship of the Spirit, who unites us in the bond of peace as members of the one Body. Deepen our communion one with another in Christ, and grant that through your Spirit continually working in us we</p>	<p>may daily increase in the knowledge of your love, and learn to love our brothers and sisters with the love you have shown to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen</p>
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Welcome back Rainbows, Brownies and Guides

Rainbows and Brownies restart
Tuesday 14th September

Guides restart
Saturday 11th September
For more information contact:

District Commissioner:
Carol Murray Tel. 26 78 02 82

Brownie Guider:
Jackie Wilkie Tel. 35 95 32

Hearts of Gold Needed

Do you have time on your hands
Now that your brood has flown?
Do you sometimes wish for company
Instead of being alone?

Could you spare a little time
To help some younger folk?
They're keen to learn, love games and
fun
And also like a joke.

So many Rainbows now are feeling
rather sad
Their leader is leaving
Although they're not *that* bad

They'll miss the games they love to play,
And all the things they learn,
And as for younger sisters -
They'll never get a turn!

No special skills are needed
Just time and patience too
There's a friendly District team
To show you what to do.

"But where have all the Guiders gone?"
I'm sure you'll want to know.
"Those maiden aunts and dear old folk
Who did it years ago?"

These people aren't around these days
It's down to me and you
To give our time, make lots of friends
And help the youngsters too

It's all too easy to just sit
And hope for someone new
But Rainbows, Brownies and Guides
now are run
By people just like you!

Contact Carol Murray
Tel: 26 78 02 82

NEW CD PRODUCED IN LUXEMBOURG

CROSSING BORDERS

(Au-delà des frontières)

Songs from Scotland, France and Ireland

performed by

Anne-Marie, Patrick, Eileen and Michel BYRNE

(with Elodie Malanda and Terry O'Brien)

The Byrnes - a Scottish-French-Irish family group bridging two generations, with two members living in Luxembourg - have this year recorded their first CD.

The four members of this group come from a family which has a history of crossing borders. The three older members - Patrick, Michel and Anne-Marie - were brought up in Glasgow by their French mother (born in Prague) and Scottish-Irish father (whose mother was born in India). They started singing together at an early age and frequently gave concerts of Scottish, French and Irish music in and around Glasgow with their four other brothers and sisters, accompanying themselves on various instruments, including guitars, keyboards, drums (bodhrán and djembe), mouth organ and tin whistle. Although they see less of each other nowadays, living as they do in different parts of Europe, they haven't lost the urge to sing as a group. Three of them have got together at regular intervals over the last few years to work on new material - essentially (but not solely) folk songs in English, French and Scots Gaelic - and to devise their own arrangements. And, in 2003, Patrick's eldest daughter, Eileen (who was born and bred in Luxembourg and is half-German), joined them for the first time on stage. In a number of tracks of this CD, which was recorded

in Luxembourg at the beginning of 2004, they are accompanied on the fiddle and flute by their friends Terry O'Brien (Irish American) and Elodie Malanda (half Congolese, half Luxembourgish).

All proceeds from the sale of the CD will go to the local Caritas branch in Kinkala, in the 'Pool' region of Congo-Brazzaville, the part of the country worst hit by the successive wars of recent years.

Price of the CD: € 20

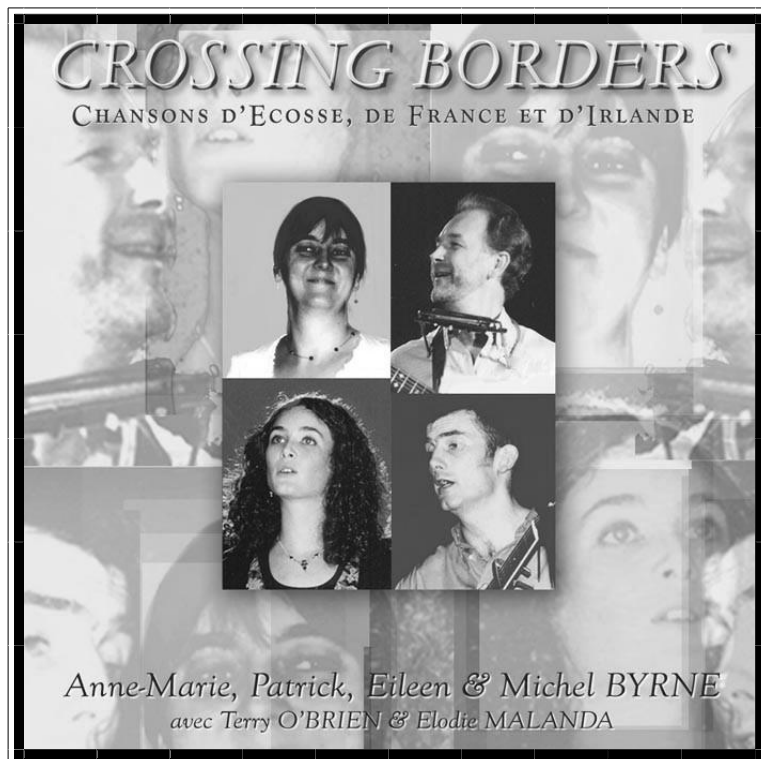
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Les bénéfices des ventes de ce CD seront versés intégralement à la Caritas de **Kinkala**, au coeur du Pool, région du **Congo-Brazzaville** la plus ravagée par les guerres successives des dernières années.

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