

## **The Anglican Church of Luxembourg Archdeaconry Report - 2013**

### **SYNOD**

We met for two days (10-12 October) in Drongen near Ghent. The Revd Andy Markey, Moira Hogg and John Overstall were from Luxembourg. About 72 attended. Amongst matters discussed were:

**Safeguarding:** Dr Robert Innes (Holy Trinity, Brussels) said that in Brussels there were over 100 children registered in his church and 40 volunteers. Some medical facts such as allergies had to be recorded. Policy was stated on the diocesan website. A link with Essex Constabulary helped with online information. Training was available; it included the skills necessary to deal with procedures to comply with DBS (disclosure and barring service) enhanced disclosure. Catherine Jackson is the contact person in the Bishop's office.

**The Church and Europe:** The Revd Dr Keith Clements, formerly the Gen Secretary of the Conference of European Churches, asked us to consider whether Christianity in Europe was a care home, a nursery or a laboratory for new forms of faith. Missionaries from China and Africa were flocking to Europe. There were 95 churches in Rotterdam whose purpose was to welcome migrants.

**Luweero, Uganda:** A review of the relations between the Archdeaconry and that Diocese is to be carried out by Canon Mark Oxbrow.

We **visited the Cathedral** in Ghent.

A stimulating two days.

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