

The Anglican Church of Luxembourg

Archdeaconry Representative's AGM Report 2014 - 2015

Archdeaconry of North West Europe Archdeaconry Synod

Held in the former Abbey of Drongen (near Ghent, B-9031 from 2-4 October 2014

Attendance:

79 made up of Clergy and Clergy observers	29
Laity: representatives and observers	50

All four from Luxembourg were present (Chris Lyon, Andy Markey, Moira Hogg, John Overstall)

Luwero

The Rev. Canon Mark Oxbrow introduced his report which reviewed the relationship between the Diocese of Luwero, Uganda and this Archdeaconry. He drew attention to the fact that there were at least seven partners in addition to the Archdeaconry and aspects of the twinning considered important by those questioned who live in this Archdeaconry - 48 replies.

Early reflections on Mission in Europe

The diocesan bishop (The Rt Revd. Robert Innes) spoke of his consecration in Canterbury Cathedral and subsequent enthronement in the cathedral in Gibraltar. He started work as a Bishop on 1 September 2014 and his offices are 47 rue Crespel in Brussels. His task was to represent the Anglican Church in the wider world, to care for the diocese and to share with other bishops of the Church of England in their tasks.

The Anglican Church in Italy, Malta and Greece is recognised by those states but has to date received no funds from them.

He mentioned some of the characteristics of the churches of the diocese:

- Healthy places of work and witness
- Doing worship well
- Safeguarding training
- Good leadership
- Having a clear mission and purpose
- Use of laity
- Culture of welcome and invitation
- Diversity (for example migrants from Africa, concern for the poor)
- Proactivity in planting churches – growth in Prague and Warsaw
- Diocesan website
- Change not decay

John Overstall