

The Anglican Church of Luxembourg

Music AGM Report 2015-2016

The first half of 2015 was dominated by the process of recruiting the new director. A Music Group set up by the Chaplain drew up a job description and met the three candidates, all local music professionals who each took a turn directing the Choir. During the interregnum Alan, Fiona and Edward shared the task of keeping the music running from week to week.

Ovidiu Dragan began six months' probation as Director designate in October. Musical highlights since his appointment include:

revival of the First Sunday Group, with new singers and players, and a drum-kit;

two Evensongs with a consort of viols and solo singers (Byrd and Gibbons canticles a5);

Byrd Three-part Mass, sung a cappella by Kristina and Kerry Turner and Chris Vigar on a 'fifth Sunday';

Palestrina *Exultate Deo*, sung by a Choir of 17 on Mothering Sunday.

Future plans include a Gibbons *Te Deum* in connection with the National Holiday, and participation in the Diocesan Choir Festival at Ghent on 4 June. The Choir welcomes new singers, especially music-readers able and willing to devote a couple of hours each week to the huge and rewarding repertoire of church music.

Edward Seymour and Ovidiu Dragan