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ECCLESIA ANGLICANA IV

British Christian beauty catches Roman captor

WHAT is known of the earliest converts of the Jewish exiles who are believed to have founded the British Church? The 19th Century Welsh scholar, The Rev. R. W. Morgan, among others, makes a persuasive case that among them were close relatives of Caradoc, the British prince, who, for seven years, fought a bitter guerrilla war against the Roman invaders.

Caradoc was the crown prince of the Silurian clan, and, according to Welsh annals, the first Christian converts included: his daughters, Gladys (known as Claudia) and Eurgain; his son, Linus; and his sister, also Gladys.

Morgan and his fellow scholars cite Welsh annals that record Caradoc and his father, Bran (venerated in Wales as St. Bran the Blessed) were converted in Rome, following their capture by the Romans in A.D. 52. They also assert that Caradoc's daughter Gladys married Rufus Pudens – a member of the Roman Senate and a senior commander in the Army that conquered England – and converted him to Christianity.

We know a great deal about Caradoc's daughter Gladys from contemporary Roman sources. She was something of a celebrity – an exotic, noble beauty from a mysterious island

Life Line Screening

Community preventive health screening program

Friday, August 13th - 8.30 AM to 5.00 PM
St. Stephen's Parish Hall

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kingdom. Documentary records show that following her marriage, her name was Latinized to Claudia Pudentia. She became a leading figure in Rome's fashionable society. The poet Martial wrote odes extolling her beauty.

A "Rufus" is mentioned in St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans, Chapter 16, verse 13: "Salute Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine . . ." And, citing the epistles, Morgan argues that this "Rufus" was actually Rufus Pudens. (Other scholars speculate that Rufus was actually Paul's half brother. (Paul also greets another of his kinsmen, Herodian, in verse 11 of the same chapter.)

Morgan contends St. Paul lived, or was closely associated, with Rufus Pudens and members of the British royal family during his period of house arrest prior to his martyrdom. In support of this, he cites the fact that Paul includes them in his greeting to Timothy in what was probably his final letter to his young protégé (*II Timothy, 4:21*): "Do thy diligence to come before winter. Eubulus greeteth thee, and Pudens, and Linus, and Claudia, and all the bretheren."

It is somewhat ironical, perhaps, but, if Morgan is right, Caradoc's son, Linus was the Linus who became the first Bishop of Rome. Could the first pope really have been an Episcopalian?

Circumstantial evidence for a close relationship between St. Paul and the Pudens family is found in events following his execution. He is said to have been originally buried in the family's private cemetery on the *Via Ostiensis*. Rufus and

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your heart out
at St. Stephen's Church
Labour Day Hymnfest
at 6.00 PM Sunday, September 5th
Reception to follow

Claudia's children, all of whom were martyred, were interred alongside him.

Added to this is the strange history of Caradoc's house: During their captivity in Rome, Caradoc and his relatives lived in the residence that his family had owned in Rome for almost a century. It had been acquired as an embassy shortly after the defeat of Julius Caesar's invasion of Britain. This residence, located on the *Mons Sacer*, was known as the *Palatium Britannicum*. Later, its name was changed to the *Titulus*, then to *Hospitium Apostolorum*. Today it is the *Church of St. Pudentiana* – the church dedicated to a martyred daughter of Claudia and Rufus Pudens. Can this be pure coincidence?

What of St. Eurgain, Caradoc's other daughter? Legend – oral history, if you will – tells us that she is the mother of Morning and Evening Prayer. She is said to have eventually returned to Britain, where she established many churches and monasteries, primarily in Wales. Each of them operated to a staggered timetable so that the Offices were continually sung throughout the 24 hours of every day, in order that "earth's praise of God should never cease." (Compare traditional Welsh choral music with Greek and Slavonic choral liturgies. The similarity is striking.)

Returning to less speculative realms, two British Bishops are recorded as attending the Council of Arles in A.D. 314 and it is believed that the British Church was also represented at Nicea in A.D. 325, though documentary proof is lacking. It is also significant, perhaps, that, in the 4th Century, a British-born Emperor, Constantine, recognized Christianity as an official religion and paved the way for its establishment as the religion of the Roman Empire. (Constantine's mother, St. Helena, is believed to have been British. A devout Christian, she is remembered for discovering the True Cross.)

In the 5th Century, the British Church was an important center of intellectual and theological debate. Indeed, a British monk named Pelagius gave his name to a major heresy. Pelagianism is the notion that man can save himself through his own efforts. And this, of course, brings us to within spitting distance – a century or so – of St. Augustine's arrival in a supposedly wholly pagan island.

THE RETURN OF THE SILLY SUMMER SUPPERS

Fun neighborhood get-togethers every

Thursday at 5.30 PM

Join us for fine food & fellowship

Scholars have a clear idea of the manner in which the British Church operated. *The Confessions of St. Patrick*, for example, indicate services were conducted in the vernacular. In old age, Patrick grumbled that his native Latin had been ruined by years of speaking the barbarous Irish tongue. His *Confessions* –

**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

being Sunday, August 15th, 2010

8.00 AM & 9.15 AM
HOLY COMMUNION

The Epistle: I Corinthians 15:1-11
The Gospel: St. Luke 18:9-14

11.15 AM MORNING PRAYER

The Psalter: Psalm 101
The First Lesson: Ecclesiastes 5:1-7
The Second Lesson: St. Luke 18:9-14

perhaps better described as his autobiography – show he wasn't exaggerating. His Latin is, indeed, execrable.

The practice of saying the liturgy at least partially in the vernacular seems to have been continued into the Middle Ages when the Epistle and Gospel were often read in the vernacular during parochial Masses. Cranmer, by the way, reinstated this ancient practice as a temporary expedient before the Prayer Book of 1549 was authorized. **GPH***

FROM THE LADIES WHO LUNCH

Join us for lunch and fellowship on August 18

THIS MONTH the Women of St. Stephen's will be lunching at Restaurant Sabor at 12 Noon on Wednesday, August 18th. Sabor is located at 12240 Tullamore Road, Timonium, MD 21093 (in the Graul's Supermarket shopping mall.). Why not join us for good food and fellowship? We promise you will enjoy yourself. To reserve your place, call Anne Bonnell at 410-560-1130. Alternatively you can call the Parish Office at 410-560-6776.

✠ PARISH PRAYER LIST ✠

OUR Prayer Chain offers prayer daily for people on the Prayer List and guests of the Joseph Richey Hospice. To add a name to the list, or to the visiting list, or to join the Prayer Chain, call the office at 410 560 6776.

RECOVERY: Helen, Alma, Sara, Ravi, Elizabeth, Brian, Tracey, Linda, Robert, Nancy, Sharp, Edithann, Doris, Jay, Robert, Nancy, Perry, Amelia, Shirley, Adrian, Kimberly, Dean, Barb, Tanya, Jane, Brook, Val, Helen, Joseph, Joshua, Rachel, Carl, Cal, Catherine, Sam, Ruth, Kristi, Paul, Sue, James, Patty, Antonio, Lauren-Michelle, McKayla, Randy, Jack, Grace, Bob, Fran, Carolyn, Ken, Serina, Wyatt, Bobby, Alexander, Erline, Kathleen, Earle, Judy, Katherine, William, Betty, Cal, Trisha, Peggy, Linda, Millie, Walt, Bruce, Cienna, Tracy, Tom. Lelillah, Jennifer, Miriam, Karen, Steve, George, Eliza, Mel, John, Randy, James, Sarah, Linda, Suzanne, Marian, Edith Anne, Steven, Jeanne, Tammy; Ellen, Jim, Patricia, Bonnie, Mary Ann, Robert, Christine, Dee, Brian, Barbara, Gillian, Eileen, Matthew, George, Bryan, Jason, Jane, Joan, Frances, Ernie, Pat, Lynn, Michael, Ray, Leslie, Brandon, May, Scott, Stephen, Robert, Danny, Billy, Betty-Ann, Mildred, D'Metrius, Laura, Stacey, Frank, Alma, Christine, John, Henry, Naomi, Pam, John, Ben, Kevin, Gwen, Elizabeth, Gloria, Lee Emily, Elsie, Bruce, Regina, Lewis, Madolin, Linda, Carol, Bernie, Charlene, Josephine, Margaret, Jody, Sheila, Jo Anne, John, Geradine, Thomas, Jeanne, Sister Catherine-Grace, Maxine, Ann Sharon, Dennis, Mae, Anita, Marilyn, Lawrence, Rebecca, Dorothy, Joanne, *Albion, Martha, Jackie, Charles, Tony, Edward, Kim, Vivian, Carol and Debbie.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am -- Holy Communion
9.15am -- Holy Communion (Nursery & Church School)
11.15am -- Morning Prayer (Nursery)
(1st. Sun. of the month: Holy Communion at 11.15am)

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesday: 6.00pm Evening Prayer
Friday: Noon: Healing Eucharist
Saturday: 5.00PM Family Eucharist.

**COLLECTS FOR TENTH SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY & THE TRANSFIGURATION**

LET thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *AMEN.*

O GOD, who on the mount didst reveal to chosen witnesses thine only begotten Son wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening; Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may be permitted to behold the King in his beauty, who with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world with out end. *AMEN.*

Book Common Prayer, Pages 203 & 249

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