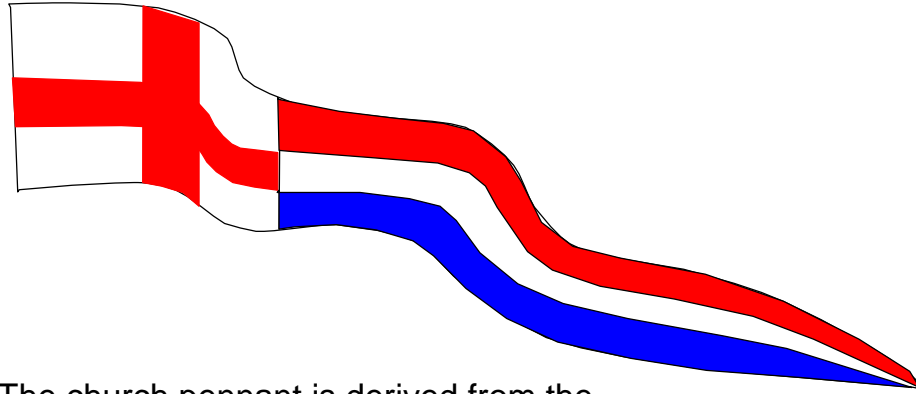


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# The CURCH PENNANT



The church pennant is derived from the "English flag" ( the cross of St George superimposed on a white background) and the "Dutch flag" ( red white and blue stripes laid horizontally)

During the Dutch wars of 1654 to 1664, Admiral van Trompe and Admiral Blake , both devoutly religious, came to an agreement that when it was necessary to carry out the burial of the dead or conduct Devine service the ship concerned would hove to and let fly and hoilt the flags of both countries. Flowen both together at the outer yards where they could be seen by the other.

Admiral Kempenfelt devised a system of signalling flag codes which included a church pennant which remains the same pennant we use today.