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Bishop Paul Lee died on 26 March at the age of 87. He was ordained deacon in 1952 and priest in 1953. He was serving in the parish of Sangju, now in Busan diocese, when Bishop John Daly arrived in 1955. Bishop Daly said "At that time, Paul Lee was one of only three Korean clergy who had more than primary school education and he was obviously an outstanding priest so I sent him overseas for further training." He went to St Augustine's College in Canterbury in 1956 and then on to the Community of the Resurrection at Mirfield. This was followed by two years as an assistant priest at St Mary's Church, Wellingborough. After returning to Korea in 1960, he joined the staff at St Michael's Seminary and in 1963 he was appointed Archdeacon of Seoul and Warden of the Catechists' School at Cheongju.

Bishop Lee was the first Korean to be consecrated to the episcopate in the Anglican Church when the Diocese of Korea was divided in May 1965 - he was appointed to the Diocese of Seoul and Bishop Daly to Daejeon. Bishop Daly said that he "became a very strong and magnificent catholic Bishop". The Anglican Church became fully indigenised and grew significantly during the years when he was Bishop of Seoul. At the time of his appointment there were just nine Korean priests and seven parishes in the Diocese.

Bishop Lee was very much involved in ecumenical affairs and was responsible for the formation of the Roman and Anglican Church Unity Committee in 1969. He was Chairman of the National Christian Council of Korea and of the Korean Bible Society. He served on the Board of Yon Sei University, which is a Christian university founded by the Presbyterian Church and he has the distinction of being its longest serving Chairman of the Board of Trustees.



The Chairman writes...

Dear Friends

THE ANGLICAN UNIVERSITY, SEOUL

Many of you will know that Sungkonghoe University in Seoul started life as St Michael's Monastery (generally known as St Michael's College) as a training institution for Anglican ordinands, by Bishop Mark Trollope in 1914. The first college was built on Kangwha Island and moved several times over the years before settling down in its present location in Seoul. The college received full accreditation from the Korean government in 1993 and on the completion of new buildings in 1994, it was granted university status. Sungkonghoe is the name of the Anglican Church in Korea and means Holy Catholic Church.

The University is led by the President, the Revd Dr Jeremiah Yang, who gained his Ph. D at Birmingham University. There are more than 2500 students and a teaching and administrative staff of 200 with a wide variety of courses on offer. These include:- Theology, English, Japanese Studies, Chinese Studies, Social Welfare, Media and Communications, Distribution and Information Science, Digital Contents, Multimedia Systems Engineering, Software Engineering, Global IT, Information and Communication. Social Science, Arts in Inter-Asia NGO Studies. The University has graduate courses for Masters and Doctoral degrees. It is very lively and bubbling with life.

The ordinands study for a degree of Master of Divinity at the Graduate School. In such a large institution it is important that they have a separate place to prepare for ministry and I was very excited to see such a place being built when I visited in May. They will be housed at the top of a new eight story building and the facilities will include seminar rooms, a common room, bedrooms, etc. This is an important step forward and it is an act of faith because there are not yet have sufficient funds to pay all costs. The KMP will be happy to receive donations from anyone who would like to help. Our Treasurer, Mr Edwin Ward, will be attending the consecration of the new building in October.

Congratulations to Mrs Sue Tringham on her appointment as a Commissary for the Bishop of Seoul and a Trustee of KMP. Mrs Tringham has been involved with the Church in Korea for many years through the link between the Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Peterborough and the Province of Korea.

With warm regards and good wishes.

Luke Lee

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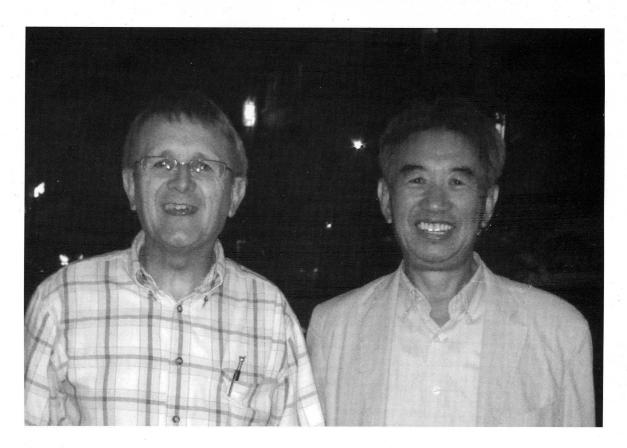
Peace - Heaven is the name of the residence at Woking where two Korean sisters are living. Sister Angela SHC and Sister Lucy Edward SHC are members of the Society of the Holy Cross in Seoul. This community, which was established in 1925, was nurtured by the English Community of St Peter, whose members had been working in Korea since 1892. There has always been a very strong bond between the two communities with sisters enjoying exchange visits, etc.

In 2007 the two communities agreed to explore new possibilities and a small joint community house was opened at Worcester Park in Surrey. The purpose of this venture was, whilst continuing to live the traditional religious life, to explore new models for the future. Please remember us in your prayers and contact us if you would like to know more about this venture.

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BISHOP JOSEPH LEE IN MONGOLIA



Fr Nicholas Deane, who translated this article from Korean, pictured with Bishop Joseph Lee in Seoul in 2005

At the end of 2005 I received surgery for fluid building up in my liver and because of the danger of a recurrence I took early retirement from my position as the Bishop of Pusan. However, there has been no recurrence and so, recognising this to be a call from God to continue preaching the Gospel, my wife Susanna and I prayed to know what good work we should do. At that time I met a Korean missionary working in inland China, and I went with him on a visit to Gansu Province, China. There we met a House Church leader (they call priest/pastors 'leaders' there). Because there is no true freedom of religion in China, those who don't want to go to the Government-created church, the so called 'Three-Self Patriotic Movement', have set up 'house churches' in around 10 million places in China. This is an amazing phenomenon.

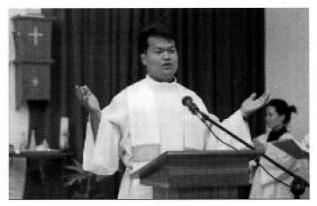
Since their leaders had not been able to attend theological college I began to ask myself, "Should I not offer them theological education"? Therefore, this became the motive when I first travelled in inland China. Since July 2007 until last year I have visited China 8 times. The first time I visited I gave theological lectures for 4-5 days each in 5 places. I taught Apologetics (how to explain the Gospel in relevant ways), the Catechism, Biblical Theology, Biblical Hermeneutics (how we should interpret the Bible), how to prepare sermons, and Pastoralia (how to pastor and care for people). My lectures were not merely teaching but a real sharing of my church experiences. This was because their leaders had been very cautious about visiting other church leaders to share their experiences. All the same, their spiritual zeal was truly amazing. I was visiting and teaching them but I was also learning spiritually from them, too.

Imagine, despite the sharp eyed intervention and oppression of public order keepers yet still keeping the faith, providing a place for the church to meet despite the fear of it being seized at any time and yet still offering their own homes - this kind of spiritual commitment made me feel that this was just like the early church! I also felt that my superior and comfort-loving outlook was being completely exposed.

Having done this, from 2008 I expanded this work to Vietnam. There I met a Vietnamese man who became my co-worker and with him we assembled the house church leaders and twice a year would give practical theological lessons there too. This takes place in the great Ho Chi Minh City that used to be called Saigon. This last summer this work began to spread out to the Mekong Delta. In an area where the quality of drinking water was very bad we were able to start a project to provide water pumps. The Korean Anglican Church members are supporting this work. So, from next year in the lower reaches of the Mekong area house church leaders will be able to receive theological training.

From the beginning of this year my wife and I have gone to live in Mongolia. Like China and Vietnam, this has been a communist country. Nominally there is said to be religious freedom but many restrictions remain. I was invited to become a lecturer in the English Department of Huree University in Ulaanbaatar, the capital city. Also, my wife Susanna, is teaching Korean at the same school. Because we serve the school as teaching staff we have received a very warm welcome and we have also received long-term visas. We are living in an apartment jointly provided by the Japanese Miyako Anglican Church and Pusan Diocese's Sangju Church.

My aim in Mongolia is to give theological education to the house church leaders but up until now I haven't been able to do this. In China and Vietnam I used interpreters but this time in order to lecture in Mongolian I am learning the language. The work I have a particular interest in is trying to open a Mobile Bible School. The



Father Dominic Shin

leaders of the house churches who live in thecountryside are not able to attend a centrally lead theological course because of their work (which is usually livestock rearing) and family and church circumstances. I have called this work the Nomadic Evangelical Theological School. Fortunately, from this year an Anglican priest with a real vision for this work has joined forces with me. Fr. Dominic Ki Ho Shin has come to Ulaanbaatar and begun to work. At the moment he is building the mission centre. His family is planning to join him in Ulaanbaatar this autumn. As the number of those praying for him and supporting him is much less that 40, the target number recommended by mission societies for each missionary to secure before they go to the mission field, he is praying that God will raise up more people to join in his support. Could we join in prayer for this, too?

The Seoul CMS office is carrying out the role of channelling the sponsorship from Korean supporters for Fr. Shin and me. Fr. Simon Na is the local Secretary. This office is also helping to raise up supporters for us.

From the sultry heat of Ulaanbaatar, with warmest greetings in Christ,

Bishop Joseph

NEW SEAFARERS' CENTRE IN BUSAN



Fr Simon Ro, the Port Chaplain, meets seafarers in the new Centre

A new seafarers' centre kindly supplied by Korea Express Busan Container Terminal, was opened in Busan in February and it has already been visited by hundreds of seafarers. The previous centre, a temporary building opened in 1995, was located outside of the dock gate. The new centre is a bright modern building inside the main gate and is perfectly situated to cater for the thousands of seafarers who visit the port each year.

The facilities include a chapel, shop, telephone exchange, internet and fax service offering WiFi. Fr Simon Ro says "the new centre is much larger than the previous one and has a spacious lounge as we hope to provide a comfortable environment for the seafarers that will visit".

The Mission was opened in 1972 with an expatriate chaplain who visited the ships but had no centre to receive seafarers or transport to get about the port. The first mini-bus was bought in 1993 and the chaplain opened a very small centre by converting a 40 ft shipping container, kindly donated by Maersk Shipping Co, into a small office and lounge. The shipping container was replaced in 1995 by a specially built unit made by a local shipping container manufacturer. It was a long narrow building some 80 ft in length, with a small chapel, office, shop, lounge and toilet facilities. This new centre will provide much needed facilities in one of the largest ports in the world. Fr Simon Ro, who was appointed in 2004, is the first Korean Port Chaplain in Busan.

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Michael, Bishop of Daejeon

Paul, Bishop of Seoul

Sungkonghoe University - The President (Fr Jeremiah Yang), the staff and students.

For the successful completion of the fund raising programme for the new building.

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The Sisters of the Society of the Holy Cross in Seoul Diocese and for Sister Angela and Sister Lucy Edward at Peace-Heaven in Woking.

The Sisters of the Community of St Francis at Gumi in Busan Diocese.

The Sisters of the Order of St Benedict at Yangsan in Busan Diocese.

Bishop Joseph Lee and his wife, Susanna and Fr Dominic Shin and his family and their work in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. For all Christians in North Korea.

Give thanks for the life of Bishop Paul Lee and his wise leadership of the Diocese of Seoul.

Give thanks for the life of Miss Eilene Hassall and her service of the Church in Korea.

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Give thanks and pray for all those who have loved and served the Church in Korea, especially those whose anniversaries occur at this time (dates are of service)

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MISS EILENE MURIAL HASSALL 1916-2010



Miss Eilene Hassall, with Fr Jae Joung Lee, Sister Catherine SHC and Bishop Matthew Chung, at the Anglican University, on her visit to Korea in 1998

Eilene Hassall died in April. She was born in Warwickshire and after leaving school she was employed as a clerk at a local firm but her heart was always in the worldwide work of the church. She felt a strong call to work overseas and started to prepare for this work at St Christopher's College, Blackheath where she qualified as a parish worker. It was during this time that her father died and the need to care for her mother prevented her from fulfilling her calling. Eilene maintained a lifelong contact with St Christopher's Old Students Association and her friend, Pat Tinsley, says that her most outstanding memory of Eilene is her faithfulness. Through all the years that Pat served in Canada and India, Eilene sent her the St Christopher's College Newsletter and she says that Eilene played an outstanding part in maintaining and strengthening relationships between old students.

After leaving St Christopher's, Eilene was appointed to the parish of Ludlow and this was the start of an association with the Diocese of Hereford which she maintained until her death. When Bishop Sara was appointed Vicar of Ludlow and Assistant Bishop of Hereford, he put Eilene's administrative skills to good use and on his retirement she moved to Hereford where she was secretary to two diocesan bishops.

When she retired from her work at Bishop's Palace, she assisted Canon Austin Masters in his work as Secretary and Treasurer of KMP, succeeding him in this role and as Editor of Morning Calm in 1993 - jobs which she faithfully continued to do until 2005.

At the funeral service in Hereford Cathedral which was conducted by the Dean and attended by the Bishop, KMP was represented by the Revd Nicholas Deane and Miss Fannie Storr. The Dean said in his address that Eilene was - a lady of enormous spirit - of fierce independence, yet with an affectionate and winning smile - of deep faith - of passion for the mission of the church - of devotion to this cathedral and diocese - of love for her Lord.

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