



# Morning Calm

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## MEETING AT LAMBETH PALACE



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The Anglican Consultative Council, which meets every two or three years and brings together bishops, clergy and lay people from all provinces of the Anglican Communion, met in Nottingham in June last year. At that meeting a resolution was passed urging that ways be found to bring forward peace throughout North and South Korea.

A delegation, led by the Bishop of Seoul, the Rt Revd Francis Park, visited England in February this year and attended a meeting with the Archbishop of Canterbury at Lambeth Palace. The conversations sought ways to take the resolution forward. Included in the meeting were the Anglican Consultative Council Chairman, Bishop John Paterson and the Anglican Observer at the United Nations and Clare Amos of the Anglican Communion Office.





## **The Chairman writes...**

Dear friends,

When Bishop John Corfe, the first Bishop of Korea, set sail for Korea in 1890, he was alone. He was consecrated by the Archbishop of Canterbury, who told him that, 'He had no pay to offer, that the ground was untrodden by English missionaries, that he had no one to give him as a companion, that the country was unsettled and hostile to Christianity.' He did not even have an English-Korean dictionary and cultural differences were so great. Many of the early missionaries who later joined him lost their lives in the Lord's service.

The Korean Mission which Bishop Corfe founded was later renamed the Korean Mission Partnership in recognition of today's two-way process of mission when Korea became an autonomous province in the Anglican Communion in 1993. Today's two-way process of mission means that there are now Koreans serving as missionaries in Britain, an example being the Korean Chaplaincy Centre in the Diocese of London.

Many Koreans come here for short stays to study, for business and on holiday. There is a strong Korean presence in British universities and theological colleges. There is a very large settled Korean community in the New Malden and Kingston areas of Surrey numbering about 30,000.

As Anglicans in England there are various kinds of hospitality we could offer to fellow Anglican Christians from Korea. Perhaps by inviting them to spend Holy Week and Easter, or Christmas in one of our parishes. Some Korean clergy would very much like to spend a bit of time in a parish here in the mother country of the worldwide Anglican church. All they will require is accommodation, food and a small amount of spending money. This has already started - a priest will be arriving in Peterborough Diocese in September and another is working in the Diocese of London. Maybe other dioceses, particularly those in or near to London, may be able to do something similar to London. Here is a golden opportunity for some of us to join in this missionary service both for Koreans and other nationalities. If you or your parish are able to help in any way please get in touch with me.

Yours sincerely,

Luke Lee

### **The visit of Bishop Solomon, Bishop of Busan**

The Bishop of Busan, the Rt Revd Solomon Yoon, will be visiting England with his wife. They are due to arrive on 23 October and will be staying in England for a week. We are arranging a Korean Festival at Partnership House in London on 24th - please see the separate notice and the extra fliers which we have enclosed for friends you might like to bring from your church. We do hope that lots of our friends and supporters will be able to attend. While in England Bishop Solomon will be attending the Mission to Seafarers World Conference on 25th where he will be meeting chaplains from all over the world. There will also be some from his own diocese, Father Francis Cho from New York and Father Simon Ro, a seafarers' chaplain who is presently studying at Cardiff University. The Chairman will be arranging a programme for the remainder of his stay.

### **News of North Korean Refugees**

We have not received much news from China in relation to the work with North Korean refugees. The building work previously referred to has been completed and they hope to recruit more workers for their various programmes. Our doctor friend, who leads this work, is fine. North Korea has suffered very bad floods recently with something like 10,000 people losing their lives and has become more isolated from the rest of the world as a result of the missile crisis. This comes just at a time when more international humanitarian support is desperately needed. This will almost certainly mean that more people will cross over to China and need our support through the KMP North Korean Refugee Project.

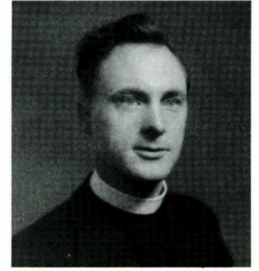
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## CANON JOHN BERNARD WHELAN

I first met John Whelan in 1956, when I arrived in Korea. John was in the parish of Onsuri on Kanghwa Island, if not the cradle of Anglicanism in Korea, at least its nursery. He was delightfully eccentric and very Irish. On the first occasion I spent a weekend with him there I discovered that he always ate the same number of meals and collations each day whatever the timetable. On that particular Sunday, as was the custom in those days, we had breakfast after the main Mass of the day. Thus we were still at table when it was time for "elevenses" - coffee and biscuits. The hour of lunch being as unalterable as any law of the Medes and Persians we had hardly left the table before it was time to sit down again. That evening we were due to walk to the next village for Evensong and so it was imperative that we had the evening meal no later than 5.0 p.m. Nevertheless we were not allowed to forego afternoon tea!



John was a very frugal man and hated to be beholden to anyone. Wherever he travelled he always chose the cheapest of inns, turning down hospitality in houses to do so. On one occasion he visited my house when I was not at home. The housekeeper recognizing him invited him in and offered him a meal. This was declined but he did ask for some drinking water. When this was produced he took out of his knapsack the food he was carrying, sat at my table and ate it. Afterwards, he wrote me a thank you note for my hospitality and despite the housekeeper's entreaties took his leave. Later I learned that he had spent the night at a local doss house.

He should have had money for during the time he was receiving a good remuneration for his hospital chaplaincy work he never changed his Spartan ways. But he was generous. On one of my rare visits to England from Korea we met up in London and he accompanied me while I went shopping. This included a visit to Wippell's where I methodically replenished my clerical wardrobe. When I came to pay, the man who was serving me informed me that the other gentleman had already paid. Despite my protestations John would accept nothing from me.

John was very self-sufficient, a loner and was thus able to escape any involvement in Korean ecclesiastical politics. He therefore led a much quieter and more stress free life than did the rest of us.

During the 50 years that we knew each other I never learned much about his personal life. He was born in Bury, Lancashire to Patrick and Lena Whelan. His father was Roman Catholic his mother Anglican. They went to live in Port Laoise (formerly Maryborough) but his father abandoned them in 1922 and returned to live in his hometown of Dysart. John never saw him again. His mother returned to Bury in 1939 before the outbreak of WWII and John joined her there before joining up for military service. He was a strange mix of low-churchmanship and Catholicism. He was a product of Oak Hill Theological College and Anglo-Catholicism. He had a first class brain and had read and retained so much but kept it all in his head. At least in Korea, he never had many books around and as far as I know he kept no notes.

He had a very dry sense of humour which did not always come across as humour. On one occasion he wrote from Korea to his mother telling her that winter was approaching and that Korean mothers were about to sew up their children in their winter clothes until spring. Mrs Whelan was appalled at this unhygienic practice and reported it to the local newspaper which published it as a fact. The Korean Embassy in London was not amused at this derogatory and untrue publicity.

After he left the orient he would write and describe the great find of his latest journey. On one occasion he wrote triumphantly that he had discovered a Korean restaurant in Katmandu and that the owner, a Nepalese, had gained knowledge of Korean cuisine from a book. He loved to return to North Africa where he had spent time as a 'desert rat'. He was a motorcycle dispatch rider. I suspect that he had some military decorations but apart from the 39-45 Star, Defence Medal and North Africa Star I don't know what they were. He also told me that, during his military service, he had met a Samaritan High Priest in the Holy Land. I had not realized that Samaritans still existed.

John died on 3 April 2006. His death is tinged with only a little sadness, since he lived a full life, and did much good, all in secret.

Canon Whelan is buried at the Shrine Church of Pennant Melangell in Wales.

Clifford Smart

## GENERAL SIR ANTHONY FARRAR-HOCKLEY

General Sir Anthony Farrar-Hockley, who died on 11 March 2006, served in the Korean war with the Gloucestershire Regiment. He was taken prisoner at the time of the Gloucesters' epic stand on Hill 235 during the battle of the Imjin River in April 1951. He made six escape attempts and was brutally interrogated in Pyongyang but refused to be brainwashed. He was released at the end of hostilities in 1953.

Our President, Fr. Sam Davies, who was the Gloucestershire Regiment's chaplain, was also taken prisoner and was in the next cell to Anthony Farrar-Hockley, writes:

General Sir Anthony Farrar-Hockley was internationally known and respected in military and political circles, where his death in his early eighties was felt as a real loss.

He entered the Army directly from Exeter School, and from the outset it became clear that a distinguished career lay ahead of him. This article however is concerned only with his time in Korea as Adjutant of the 1st Battalion the Gloucestershire Regiment, where he became a prisoner-of-war in North Korea after the great battle of the Imjin River. I have always felt fortunate that as a prisoner-of-war myself I ended up with a cell next to Tony's cell, and when the Chinese guards were not looking in during their patrols we were able to converse through a small hole in the dividing wall. Tony's unflinching optimism about our eventual release and the end of the Korean War was an inspiration in those cramped conditions. Each night I was able to say prayers through the small hole, ending with us both reciting the Lord's Prayer "Our Father....."

S.J.Davies

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## THE BISHOP JOHN DALY MISSION CENTRE

On 19 September 1995, the Bishop John Daly Mission Centre started work at Kumi in the Province of Kyunbuk, one of the largest industrial cities in South Korea. The Centre recruits and trains volunteers to provide bedside care for patients who have no one to care for them and/or have not got the financial wherewithal to hire nursing care after discharge from hospital.

In South Korea, home nursing care is the responsibility of the patient's family and when patients are discharged from hospital, there are no programmes for the provision of rehabilitation home care. So in 1999 the Bishop John Daly Centre began to provide needy patients, and sometimes their impoverished family members, with home nursing care, personal hygiene needs, assistance with household chores and looking after their transport needs, for as long as such things are required. In 2001 the Centre added a rehabilitation specialist to the staff.



Care training session at a Diaconia workshop

The Centre is currently looking after five patients under its hospital care programme and 50-70 people under the home nursing programme who are either physically disabled or chronically sick. The Centre has recruited and trained about 400 volunteers through 22 'diaconia' workshops. Twenty of these volunteers have made a commitment to give at least four hours service every week. Others give help as and when required.



Self-help group and volunteers on a Spring outing

There is a self help group of 15 to 20 wheelchair-bound disabled people in the home care group, who strive to improve the quality of their lives by interacting with one another on a regular basis. The gaining of computer skills being one of their activities.

The Centre also organizes driving lessons for those patients who are sufficiently independent. This enables many people to enjoy greater freedom and an altogether better quality of life. Some have become volunteers by providing much needed transport for others. These 'patients turned volunteers' organize a monthly get together where they are able to socialize, reflect on their transformed lives and discuss future schedules and challenges.

St John's Anglican Church, which was founded in 2002, has a celebration of the Holy Eucharist every Sunday and on major feast days. Evensong is sung on Sundays and with the exception of Mondays, we have daily morning worship with intercessional prayers. Prayer is at the heart of all our work. A typical Sunday morning congregation comprises something like twenty adults and ten children.

Since 2004, St John's Church has been involved in youth mission, running an after-school programme. Currently we have fourteen 1st to 6th grade students and seven who are in the 8th/9th grades. This programme provides a service for working parents living in the neighbourhood.

In 2002 we received sponsorship from Government to organize the Kumi Senior Citizens Club. Through educational programmes the Club hopes to open up avenues of employment for those people who want to return to paid work. We arrange many recreational activities, as well as trying to tip the scales of social justice more favourably towards the needs of older people. The Club has a membership of 150 people.

### Who's who at the Centre:

The Revd Jonathan Kim is the founder, the Director of the Board and community pastor. He oversees the Centre's finances as well as its fundraising. Mrs Kunia Kim, Jonathan's wife, is the 'mother' to the Kumi Community. In addition to being Jonathan's greatest supporter, she provides spiritual and moral support for the worship community. The Revd Jeremiah Ahn, who has recently been ordained priest, assists Jonathan in the Church and with spiritual and pastoral care. Ms Mary Lee, a physical therapist who joined the staff in 2001, is now responsible for all caring ministries. Ms Myung Park is a registered nurse and she trains all the volunteers with regard to the home nursing of care patients. Ms Myung Sook Koh is the volunteer co-ordinator. Sister Francis looks after the planning of daily worship, including Sundays. She is a musician and the Church leader for the worship community. Mrs Theresa Ahn is responsible for the work with regard to the senior citizens. Ms Mijin Kwon is in charge of the after-school programme.

Our ministry is limited by a lack of resources in respect of personnel, facilities and finances. The needs are great, as is our desire to meet these needs. Our prayer is that God will continue to open the doors to new opportunities and resources. Last but by no means least, we thank you for your support and ask for your prayers in regard to this very worthy endeavour.

Jonathan Kim

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