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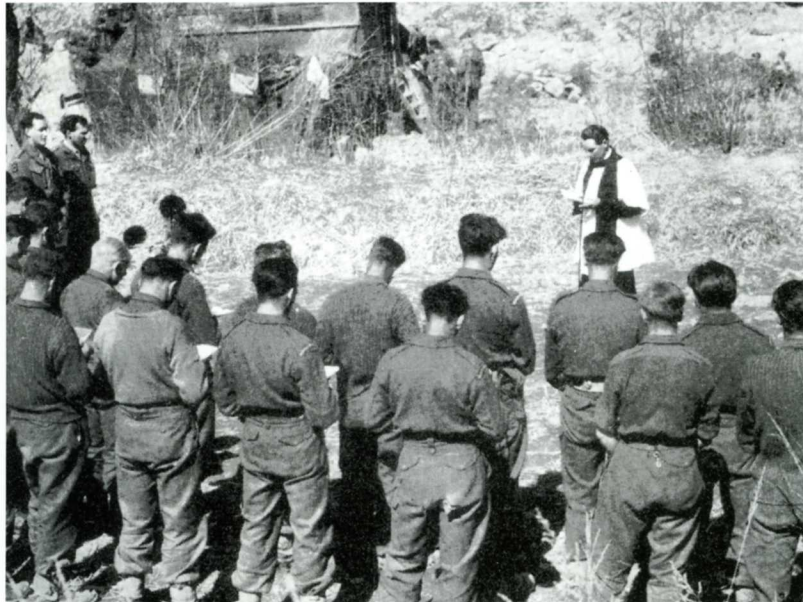
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THE REVD STANLEY JAMES DAVIES M.B.E.(Military) PRESIDENT OF K.M.P. 2001 - 2009



Fr. Sam Davies conducting Sunday service for the 1st Battalion, the Gloucestershire Regiment, before the battle of the Imjin River.

Fr Stanley James Davies, always known as Sam, died on 15 March, aged 91. Born in Liverpool in 1918, he attended Allsop High School, Liverpool and went on to Durham University to read Theology and prepare for ordination at St Chad's College. Ordained in 1941, he served his title at St Margaret's Church, Anfield, going on to Wigan Parish Church in 1942, before joining the Royal Army Chaplain's Department, where he served for 28 years.

Fr Sam, who had a lifelong interest in the Korean Church, first went to Korea during the Korean War as chaplain of the 1st Battalion, Gloucester Regiment. The 'Glorious Glosters' made a heroic stand against Chinese forces at the Imjin River a few miles north of Seoul, where, hopelessly outnumbered, they gallantly held on to the ridge, known as Gloucester Hill, for three days. During these three days Fr Sam was in the thick of the fighting, ministering to the wounded, praying with the dying and helping recover the bodies of the fallen. The bloody action enabled the main Chinese attack on Seoul to be stemmed.

Fr Sam and the medical officer elected to go into captivity with the wounded and he was heard to say "It looks like a holiday in Peking for some of us". For the 370 who were captured it meant a 600 mile march over six months to Pi-chong-in Prison Camp near the Chinese border, mainly undertaken at night to avoid detection by UN aircraft. On first being interrogated Fr Sam was contemptuously informed that the Chinese had "no Geneva Convention" and that the British soldiers had been duped by American imperialists.

During two and a half years of internment he, along with all the other prisoners, were subjected to a daily programme of long tedious lectures, study groups and written work on the "virtues of Marxism" and the "evils" of capitalism. The conditions were very harsh and he was accused of "using religious services as a pretext for political activity", a claim which he strenuously denied. For this he found himself in solitary confinement for 16 days in a 6 ft by 4 ft cell.

The camp regime restricted Fr Sam's movements and he was only allowed to minister to officers and those other prisoners who were in the sick bay. Nevertheless he did succeed in secretly baptizing six Americans and preparing 19 British and Americans for confirmation. On the first Christmas of captivity he was given a loaf of bread and a bottle of wine to celebrate the Eucharist but only four more such services were allowed during the next two years.

Regular Sunday non-sacramental services were allowed in a hut which was used for indoctrination sessions and adorned with pictures of Marx, Stalin, Mao and other communist leaders. Each service ended with the singing of "Faith of our fathers, living still / In spite of dungeons, fire and sword". This inspired the title "In Spite of Dungeons" of the best selling book he wrote about the dreadful conditions endured by all who were imprisoned at Pi-chong-in. The notes which were used for the writing of this book were scribbled on prison lavatory paper and smuggled out by an American officer. One of the reasons for writing this memoir was because he was the only one of four chaplains to survive.

On his return to England, Fr Sam was awarded the MBE(Military) and continued his chaplaincy service for another 20 years. He was Assistant Chaplain General to the British Army of the Rhine when he retired. He was an Hon. Chaplain to the Queen. After the Army, he became the Rector of three rural parishes in the Diocese of Gloucester.

He never lost his interest in Korea, her people and the Korean Anglican Church which had started in his youth. After returning to civilian life, he joined the committee of the Korean Mission. He was a Commissary for the Bishop of Seoul for many years and became the Chairman of the Mission in 1991, travelling to Seoul in 1993, to represent KMP at the inauguration of the Korean Church as an autonomous province within the Anglican Communion. On his retirement as our chairman in 2001, he became the Mission's President alongside the Primate of Korea.

Fr Davies is survived by his wife, Anne, whom he married in 1954, his son, daughter and nine grandchildren.

He will be remembered with great affection by all those who knew him in Korea and the United Kingdom.

THE REVD MICHAEL ARTHUR DAVENPORT SSC

Fr Michael Davenport died on 20 March, aged 70. He was born in Manchester but spent the whole of his childhood and early youth in Crewe, Cheshire. At the age of 16, he went to the SSM at Kelham in Nottinghamshire to "The Cottage" where the Kelham Fathers ran a pre-theological training school for those boys who felt a call to priesthood but did not have the necessary academic standard to gain entry into a theological college. Here the students were grounded in Greek, Latin, Ancient History and General Bible Knowledge and after three years hard work, they were tested in a Qualifying Examination which, if they passed, allowed them to start on a theological course proper. Having passed the course, he went on to Lichfield Theological College and was ordained in Southwell Minster in 1962 to serve his title at St Martin's, Bilborough and going on to serve a second curacy at St Mary's Kettering in 1966. He was appointed Vicar of St Benet Fink, Tottenham in 1969 and he remained there until his death.

Fr Davenport joined the Korean Mission Committee in 1972 when the H Q was at 55 Bedford Gardens in London. He resigned from the Committee in 2005 and throughout those years he and his parish were very strong supporters of the Church in Korea. He and his wife, Eileen, gave hospitality to very many Korean visitors. He served as a Commissary for the Bishop of Daejeon for many years and he was in touch with a lot of people from that diocese.

In October 2002 Fr Davenport visited Korea to represent the Mission at the Round Table Conference in Seoul which brought together representatives of all of the mission agencies who are partners with the Anglican Church in Korea. While out there he was able to renew many old friendships as well as forming new links.

Fr Davenport is survived by his wife, Eileen, whom he married in 1961.



The Chairman writes...

Dear Friends

When the first issue of Morning Calm was published in July 1890 it had a double thrust: one was to give news about the missionary work of the newly formed Anglican Church in Korea and the other was to share news about the Mission of the Church worldwide which was headed "The Spirit of Mission". Bishop Corfe wanted to inform the whole church about the Church's mission in every corner of the world. This was not just for those who were interested in the spread of the Church in Asia and Africa. What had started in Jerusalem at Pentecost and spread worldwide, needed the active involvement of all Christians! The Korean Church was to see itself as part of that world mission.

The logo of the Morning Calm has always been the famous Compass Rose. We were all to see ourselves as both givers and receivers working together in the spreading of the Gospel. Bishop Corfe's original design had the names of countries at each of the 32 compass points with England in the north west and Korea in the north east. Today, it is used, with a few modifications, as the emblem of the Anglican Communion. The Anglican Compass Rose was first used at the second international Anglican Congress in Minneapolis in 1954. The Compass Rose is set in the nave of the Cathedral Church of Canterbury and was dedicated by Archbishop Robert Runcie at the final Eucharist of the 1988 Lambeth Conference. Two years later he dedicated a similar Compass Rose in the Cathedral Church of St Peter and St Paul (the National Cathedral) in Washington, D.C., U.S.A. Today the Compass Rose is used throughout the Anglican Communion as a symbol of the Anglican family of churches. It is also the logo of the Anglican Consultative Council.

It is very exciting to see that the small seed sown by Bishop Corfe and his small band of missionaries 120 years ago, has grown and today the Korean Anglican Church has people working in very many places. Korean priests and lay people are presently working in the U.S.A., Canada, Japan, China, Mongolia, the Philippines, Myanmar(Burma), Zimbabwe and England. I hope that from time to time we can include reports on their work in Morning Calm. We hope to have a report of the Korean clergy who are working in Japan, in the next issue.

I thank God for Bishop Corfe and his band of missionaries from England and elsewhere who planted the Church in Korea. They would be happy to see that their hard work had not been wasted and is now bearing such beautiful fruit in so many places.

Fr Martin Poole and Sister Georgina Ruth CSP have recently resigned as KMP trustees. Their contribution to our work will be greatly missed.

We are very pleased to welcome three new trustees:- Mrs Esther Partridge who has been very much involved with the Church in Korea for many years through her work with the Peterborough Mothers' Union's link with the M.U. in the three Korean dioceses. The Community of St Peter has been involved in the work in Korea since 1892 and it is good that Mother Lucy Clare CSP is able to replace Sister Georgina Ruth and thus maintain the Community's link with KMP. Miss Fannie Storr, who worked as a missionary in Korea in the 1950's and again in the 1960's and on the Home Staff of USPG in the 1980's & 90s brings an enormous amount of experience of the Church worldwide.

I am most grateful that the Bishop of Guildford, the Rt Revd Christopher Hill, has agreed to become one of our vice presidents.

Yours sincerely,

Luke Lee

THE ENGLISH MISSION AT SEOUL CATHEDRAL

Extracts from a letter sent to the Dioceses of Cashel and Ossory in the Church of Ireland, from Fr Paul Mooney, the Chaplain of the English Mission

Well its January 14, 2009 and its cold here in Seoul (about -10 celsius at the moment). We are in the coldest period of the year here which usually falls between the Western New Year on January 1st and the Korean-Chinese Lunar New Year which is at the end of January or early February. So it is a good time to clear the desk, take stock and prepare to for things to start up again in the Spring. Its also the long holiday for schools and collages which falls between the end of December and March 1st, so a lot of foreign teachers who attend the English Mission are away in warmer climes or are planning their journeys.

It has been quite a busy year or so since I last wrote and it has been my first full year here as Vicar of the English Mission. It has been a year of economic turmoil around the world and Korea has seen a serious down turn and people here expect worse to come as the Korean economy is export driven. Nevertheless the work of the English Mission has grown, we did what we do over the year with weekly Sunday services and ministry to the foreign community and people of all ages were baptized and marriages celebrated. In addition we had a memorial service for a young Englishman who was teaching English in Seoul and died in a tragic road accident. For many people Church community come alive when they leave the regular routine of home and all that is familiar and so it has been a privilege to share with so many on their pilgrimage. My counselling skills have also been tested and developed over the past year as people have come into my office or we have met outside for coffee and a chat. Sometimes people come to foreign countries in the hope that in finding a new life they will say goodbye to old problems but often we go around the world and find that we are still the same people in different locations and the baggage we carry inside ourselves cannot be left behind in an attic thousands of miles away. However people can, and do, grow in emotional and spiritual maturity on their journeys to wholeness and holiness which is a large part of what we are about wherever we are as church.

Aside from getting used to a congregation where a large group are often in transition (we said goodbye to about 40 members last summer), the most difficult challenge which the English Mission poses is dealing with growth in numbers. The Crypt Chapel which we use in the Cathedral is often packed to capacity on Sunday mornings and while we use the main Cathedral for big occasions (Easter, Christmas Eve, Christmas Carols and Remembrance Sunday) the Cathedral has a tight schedule of Korean services on Sunday mornings and it is hard for them to fit us in as well. However, if we have a bigger place we will not only reach more people but we would be financially self-sufficient as well. Thankfully we have a three year subvention from CMS to assist the transition to a full-time Vicar here which has made this position possible at this time. But growth is not just a matter of numbers of people attending, it is also about developing discipleship and deepening spirituality. So as I clear my desk in the bleak midwinter, it is time to also get the ideas and preparation together for a Lenten Bible course and a possible alpha course as well as seeing what can be done in our Sunday school and to resource our Sunday school teachers.

A high point of my year was a trip back to North Korea last March and this time I had time to talk with people there. The Anglican Church and other Churches are involved with various organisations in humanitarian assistance for the people in North Korea who are suffering from living in a system that is no longer capable of taking care of its people. So while it is inconveniently cold for me here at the moment if I choose to go outside to do something, it will be far worse for millions of people not to far from where I am now who do not have anywhere near adequate heat, food or medicine.

Other high points of my year included the visit of the Commonwealth Korean War veterans who come every year for a week in April. It is a week of following around seventy and eighty year olds who leave this fifty year old exhausted. We had one man from Dublin and another from Sligo in the group who both had been in Korea with the British forces and it is a very meaningful visit for those who come from Britain, Australia and New Zealand, to see the battlefields and remember those who they left behind here when they were young men.

During term times I have been lecturing on introduction to the Bible at a Christian university for two hours per week. Although the university is a Christian foundation, the student body is a representative cross section of Korean society drawn from all religions and none and it has been a challenge to present the main ideas and themes of the Bible simply and clearly in English to people who are likely to have no religious background or are Buddhists as they may be Christians. In addition we have students who are from other countries including China and central Asia and so it has been interesting to share with Moslem students as well.

Anyway greetings from Seoul in January, I am sure it will be warmer here and wherever you are by the time you are reading this. And a happy New Year, the year of the ox is coming soon and despite the gloom, Koreans are getting ready for what is the real New Year here. Please remember us in your prayers and thoughts as we remember you.

NEWS SNIPPETS

The Most Revd Francis Park, the Primate of the Anglican Church in Korea and Bishop of Seoul, retired on 14th January.

The Rt Revd Paul Kim was Enthroned as the Bishop of Seoul on 15th January.

New Commissary: The Bishop of Seoul has appointed Fr Luke Lee as his Commissary.

Franciscan News: The Sisters at Gumi have been accepted as members of the worldwide Community of St Francis and the CSF Chapter has accepted their request for life profession. This will happen on 8th September.

Raphael (Seo In-seok) has become a KFB postulant and is living in Gangchon to look at the life of the Brotherhood and consider his vocation.

The members of the Korean Franciscan Brotherhood are preparing to become full members of the Society of St Francis within the Australia/New Zealand Province.

THANKSGIVINGS AND INTERCESSIONS

Give thanks and pray for

Solomon, Primate and Bishop of Busan.

Michael, Bishop of Daejeon.

Paul, Bishop of Seoul, as he takes over as Diocesan Bishop.

Sungkonghoe University, Fr Jeremiah Yang, the staff and students.

The Korean Franciscan Brotherhood at Gangchon as they prepare to become full members of the worldwide Society of St Francis.

The Community at Gumi and the sisters who are preparing to take life vows in the worldwide Community of St Francis.

The Community of the Holy Cross in Seoul.

The Order of St Benedict in Busan.

Fr Paul Mooney and the English speaking congregation at Seoul Cathedral.

Bishop Christopher Hill as he becomes a Vice President of KMP.

The preparations being made to celebrate the 120th Anniversary of the Consecration of Charles John Corfe as the first Bishop of Korea in Westminster Abbey.

Give thanks for the service of Sister Georgina Ruth and Fr Martin Poole as Trustees of KMP.

Pray for Mrs Esther Partridge, Revd Mother Lucy Clare and Miss Fannie Storr, the new KMP Trustees.

R.I.P.

Give thanks for the life and ministry of Fr Sam Davies in Korea as an army chaplain. For his many years of diligent and caring service for the Church in Korea through his membership, chairmanship and presidency of KMP.

Give thanks for the life and ministry of Fr Michael Davenport, particularly for his 33 years service as a member of the KMP Committee and the hospitality he gave to so many Korean visitors during that time.

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

June			July		
1	Hugh Embling, bp.	1926-30	1	Noah Han, p.	1934-57
1	Frederick Hillary SSM ,p.	1896-1904	10	Sister Nora Lucilla CSP	1939-40
7	Arthur Laws, dr.	1897-1930	10	Dorothy Morrison	KMP Secretary 1948-60
11	Violet Grosjean	1907-41	11	Aidan Lee, p.	1963-67
12	Elijah Kim, p.	1950-91	14	Joseph Pownall, p.	1891-93
16	Florence Laws	1908-30	14	Albert Lee, p.	1920-50
19	Ae Eun Yoon SHC	-2003	17	Sister Lois CSP	1892-99
21	Thomas de Vall		17	Moses Yoon, p.	-50
25	Augustine Cho	-2004	24	Timothy Cho, p.	-50
26	Sister Margareta CSP	1892-1909	30	Henry Arnold, p.	1915-42
28	Charles Goodwin, p.	1959-97			
28	Sister Rosalie CSP	1892-1919	August		
29	Stephen Cartwright, p.	1906-09	1	Hugo Lee, p.	-2001
30	Charles Corfe, bp.	1st Bishop of Korea 1889-1904	3	Paul Shim, p.	1949-87
30	Roger Tennant, p.	1954-62	6	Archer Torrey, p.	1957-2002
			15	John Daly, bp.	5th Bishop of Korea & 1st of Daejeon 1955-68
			15	David Lee, p.	-88
			22	Mark Yoon, p.	1953-64
			29	Moses Lee, p.	1969-85

NEW PRIMATE APPOINTED



The Most Revd Solomon Yoon, Bishop of Busan, has succeeded Bishop Francis Park as the Primate of the Anglican Church in Korea.

NEW VICE PRESIDENT OF K.M.P.



The Rt Revd Christopher Hill, the Bishop of Guildford, has kindly agreed to become a Vice President of K.M.P.

Sunday, 1st November, 2009

ALL SAINTS DAY

will mark the 120th anniversary of the

Consecration of Charles John Corfe in

Westminster Abbey

as the first Bishop of Korea

The Rt Revd Paul Kim, Bishop of Seoul

will preach at the

SUNG EUCHARIST

at

11.15 a.m.

We hope that all friends and supporters
who are able to attend will do so

More details in our next issue

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