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CHESHIRE LAD

Sir Algernon Heber Percy, the Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire, enjoyed calling me a 'Shropshire Lad'. The truth, however, is that I am really a 'Cheshire Lad'. Whilst much of my education occurred in Houseman's county, I was born and grew up in Malpas, south west Cheshire, where my father was the Rector, just four miles from the Shropshire border and three miles from the Welsh border.

It is here, as a boy in the early 1970's, that I first heard about the Church of Melanesia. My elder brother, Tom, had been to Liverpool docks with Mum and Dad to wave off a small fishing boat as it cast off. It even made the BBC Nine O'Clock News! Together with the Bishops of Chester and Birkenhead, Tom had watched Ebb Tide embark on her voyage to the Solomon Islands. It is a picture in my mind because I then saw Ebb Tide just a week later. We were on a family caravan holiday in Brittany

and Dad had arranged to meet the owners and sailors of the boat - Basil and Anne Le Pine Williams - in Carnac. We spent the day on Ebb Tide diving off the side to collect scallop shells in the clear Breton waters. In the evening we all had supper together in a local restaurant - made memorable for me and my younger sister, Ali, chiefly because we were allowed to drink wine for the first time. The meal seemed to be lengthy, the talk was 'adult' and because we became slightly giggly and disruptive, my sister and I were sent outside to sit in the car.

I subsequently learned that the Le Pine Williams had sailed to Solomons via the Panama Canal and the Galapagos Islands where Basil served as the first Provincial Secretary of the Province of Melanesia. I next saw Basil, some years later, in Malpas Rectory where he was teaching St Oswald's PCC about stewardship. Returning to England and the Cheshire border, Basil worked as a Stewardship Adviser for the C of E, trained as a Reader and both he and Anne faithfully served in their local church.

My next encounter with The Church of Melanesia came when I was invited by Frank Sargeant, the then Bishop of Stockport, to meet the Vicar of Timperley to consider a second curacy. I met Desmond Probeta in his study, a room that was slightly chaotic with piles of papers and





**Bishop Mark & his wife Mandy with
Archbishop George & Mrs June Takeli**

books – yet full of life. A likeable parson, Desmond sat in a chair with his leg propped up on the desk in a plaster cast. He had fallen out of the apple tree in his garden whilst pruning it! What a joy to discover later that this man had been the much loved and revered first Dean of Honiara Cathedral. It was an honour to have his wife Jennifer and daughter Emma at our Festival gathering in Selwyn College, Cambridge this September. Honiara Cathedral celebrates its 50th Anniversary in June 2019 and the adjoining ‘Canon Desmond Probeta Hall’ is now completed and already in use.

In this issue, we celebrate the link between Chester Diocese and the Province of Melanesia. The bonds of friendship have been growing over many years.

More recently, with the visits of the first Melanesian Brothers in the 1990’s, the arrival of Bishop Willie Pwaisiho and family, to serve as a priest and bishop in Chester and more brothers to study at Chester University, we are seeing the family ties strengthen and flourish. Over 10,000 miles apart, yet we know we are brothers and sisters in Christ, called to serve together in God’s mission to the world. Le Pine Williams...Probeta...Pwaisiho : these family names remind us that the Spirit works through human relationships, faithful witness and loving service. We are one big family and we will not forget it.

+Mark Rylands, Chair of MMUK

CELEBRATING

30

YEARS



Christianity is among the most adaptable of the world religions. It doesn't come with a dominant cultural form, but has always had a natural ability to adapt to different cultures.

This was true from its origins in the first-century Mediterranean world. Roman Catholicism was born out of an interaction with Roman culture, and Greek Orthodoxy out of a parallel dialogue with ancient Greek culture. And so on.

One striking experience for a British Christian visiting Melanesia is to observe how characteristically Melanesian local church life is. The influence of the high

Victorian missionaries of the nineteenth century, led by Bishops Selwyn and Patteson, gave way to the adaptation of Melanesian music and dance – even if some of the old, traditional, English hymns are visibly part of this.

The easy adaptation of Christianity into different cultural expressions has its dangers too. It's a somewhat fine dividing line between a helpful inculturation, and an unhelpful 'going native', wherein the Gospel itself becomes confused with its cultural expression.

The ease with which Christianity adapts to different cultures reflects the essential invisibility of God. This lies behind the second commandment's prohibition of

visual images of God. The Creator's ways are not our ways, and he cannot be portrayed in a created form. Christianity is essentially to be lived, and experienced: 'work out your own salvation in fear and trembling, because God is at work within you'.

This inherent diversity of the expressions of Church life is why we need each other so much. Different local churches need to experience each other, and to recognise in each other, amid our diversity, the 'faith which was once for all delivered to the saints'. In the process we correct our own over-emphases, and cultural biases, and learn better what it is to be faithful members of the Body of Christ.

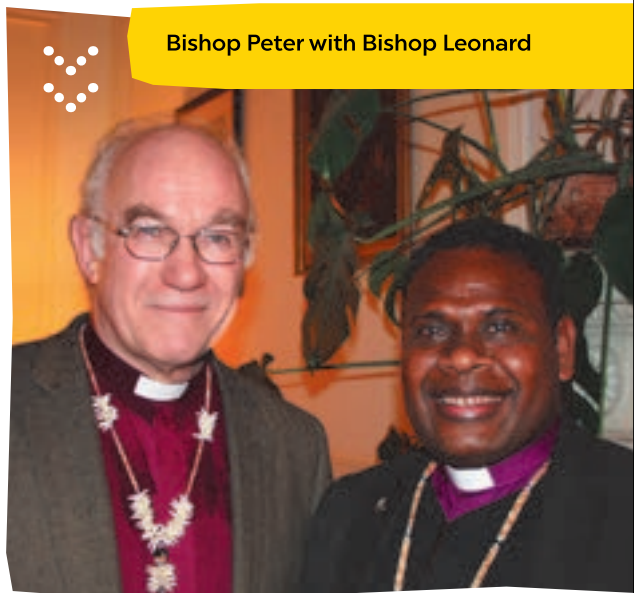
Encountering fellow Christians from other churches and countries is an inherently enriching experience, and it is this that makes links such as that which exists between the Diocese of Chester and the Province of Melanesia so valuable. The fact

that the link has been in existence for 30 years gives it an added substance.

From our perspective, I think especially of the mission visits of teams of Brothers and Sisters, along with Bishop Willie's ministry in this Diocese for over 20 years. We have been able to provide Chester House, Honiara, and also a University education for four members of the Melanesian Brotherhood – and much more, on both sides.

The three visits which I have made to Melanesia have been a particular joy to me, with memories which I will always treasure. They have been real highlights of my ministry. It's a long way to travel, but so, so worthwhile. I look forward to the future journey of this Diocese with the Province.

+The Rt Revd Dr Peter Forster
Bishop of Chester



NEWS IN BRIEF



Supporters at this year's AGM & Festival Day

Over 60 supporters of the Melanesian Mission gathered at Selwyn College, Cambridge in early September for the charity's Annual General Meeting and Festival Day. At the AGM the Venerable Chris Liley and Mrs Barbara Molyneux stepped down as Trustees. *You can read Chris' reflections on his time as a Trustee on pages 12-13.* Revd Martin Cox was re-elected and Revd Cath Duce and Miss Kate Pwaisiho were also appointed as Trustees.

Many thanks to Selwyn College for generously hosting this event.

You can read a full report of the day's celebrations on our website www.mmuk.net/news

Former Selwyn College student Dr Adam Bobbette has returned from his research trip to the Solomon Islands with a novel, yet simple plan for the Church to become Climate Change observers. Adam's proposal for Church Observatories, where Anglican parishes across Melanesia record changes noticed by parishioners in water and sea levels, weather patterns and crop yields etc, will be discussed by the Anglican Church of Melanesia's Council of Bishops in November, and hopefully adopted early in 2019.

For more information on this project watch the charity's latest film www.mmuk.net/films *Climate Change and the Church*, or contact the charity.

At the invitation of the Archbishop of Melanesia, Mrs Caroline Welby has led a team from Lambeth Palace to the Solomon Islands to deliver a five-day training programme - Women on the Front Line. The training which took place at TNK, looks at women as reconcilers and peacemakers, was attended by all the Bishops' wives and representatives from the Mothers' Union and Anglican women's leaders, the Community of the Sisters of the Church and the Community of the Sisters of Melanesia. You can read more about the training on our website www.mmuk.net/news

Many thanks for the donations received which went towards completing the Retreat House building at TNK for this training and future events.



The Women on the Front Line training is already being used to council and support families who have lost their homes and livelihoods after leaving the island of Ambae, following the ongoing volcanic activity. Earlier this year the Government of Vanuatu gave the order for the permanent evacuation of the island and the closure of all institutions, which included the Church's flagship school St Patricks. The Melanesian Brothers have also had to leave their Section House on Ambae.

In September the charity received this request from the Bishop of Vanuatu, Rt Revd James Tama -

Please pray for displaced families from Ambae, over 2,000 now in Maewo, over 7,000 in Santo and another 2,000 scattered all over the islands in Vanuatu.

My wife and I have started the psychological first aid support with the

mothers, gathering them, allowing them to express freely their feelings and the needs for their families. We are also looking for some plots of land suitable for farming for these families to eventually move to.

My humble request is if you can share our stories of the difficult situation we are facing at the moment and for anyone who may wish to support our mothers with little funds to resource their home life-skill training would be very much appreciated.


MMUK will continue to monitor the situation and ascertain how to respond to these ongoing needs. If you would like to receive specific news about this emergency, please contact the charity.

Donations to support these families, St Patrick's College and the Melanesian Brothers, should be sent to the charity with the reference Ambae Relocation.

CHESTER HOUSE



Revd John Ball, writes about the Chester link which began in 1988 and the lasting legacy of Chester House.

 In 1991 Chester celebrated 450 years as a Diocese by gathering as a diocese on the Roodee for a Sunday in June and Bishop Raymond Aumae who was Bishop of Malaita attended this. Bishop Willie Pwaisiho followed with a visit in 1992.

In 1993 Head Brother John Kuvi and Brother Nelson came to the Chester Diocese visiting and working in the deaneries. In return Bishops Frank Sargeant and Michael Baughen and others visited Melanesia.

A subsequent visit of The Revd Richard Carter to the Diocese of Chester involved a meeting with the Partners in World Mission Committee where the vision of building Chester House in Honiara for the Melanesian Brotherhood was discussed.

The cost involved was £70,000. I must confess that I was worried about what we had committed ourselves to.

Just hours after that meeting I was on my way to the Yorkshire Dales and I made a detour to visit a former parishioner who had moved to Yorkshire. I told her about the meeting and she must have detected my fears. She suddenly left the room and returned with a cheque for £100 to start the appeal off. Was that a sign from God? It certainly worked! From that moment I was fully committed. In due course, with the approval of Bishop Michael Baughen, an appeal was made to the parishes to respond to this challenge. We made it clear that parishes would be free to decide how they would respond.

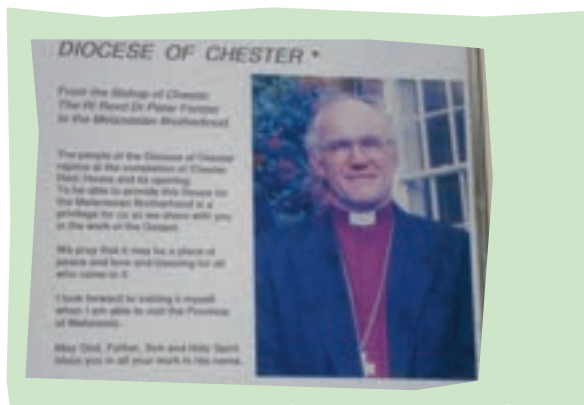
Parishes and individuals responded in amazing ways. Some parishes made a contribution from their annual allocation of giving. Others organised specific events. One organised a Smartie appeal in which individuals were given a tube of Smarties on the Sunday before Lent and asked to keep the empty tube, fill it with coins and return it on Easter Sunday. Some organised fairs and dinners. Some individuals had sponsored slims in Lent and some sent small gifts from their state pension. One lady sent £10 which was winnings on a scratch card adding that she had never gambled but in a moment of weakness gave into temptation. On finding she had won she felt guilty and as a penance she sent the £10 to the Chester House appeal.

There were so many real and fascinating stories attached to the acts of giving. These are just a few of the many responses. It took nearly two years to raise the money but we exceeded the target by £7,000.

Whatever was given, large or small amounts, it was a wonderful example of cooperation and generosity. It was a challenge to the Chester Diocese and it was a challenge to the Brotherhood. And, of course, it was a firm step in the direction of the strong link that we have today. This link has been made possible and continued by the commitment of dedicated people in the diocese and to them our thanks are due.

On a personal note, I had the great privilege of being invited to pay a return visit to preach at the Blessing Service of Chester House in Honiara and, with Bishop Raymond, perform the opening and blessing in 1997. It is an experience I can never forget.

+John Ball



PRAYER DIARY

WEEK 1

Sunday

Pray for the Anglican Church of Melanesia across the nine dioceses and all the staff at the Provincial Head Office in Honiara. For Dr Abraham Hauriasi, the General Secretary.

For the New Zealand Trust Board and its directors, as they support the Anglican Church in Melanesia.

For the work of the Melanesian Mission UK in Prayer, People and Giving.

Monday

For the Diocese of Temotu and Bishop Leonard Dawea. For all the staff working at the Headquarters at Lata.

For Revd Hillary Anisi and the Mission to Seafarers, through their centres in Honiara, Noro Port in the Western Province, Lata in Temotu and Port Vila in Vanuatu.

Tuesday

The Community of the Sisters of Melanesia and their work with women throughout the islands. For Head Sister Annie and Assistant Head Sister Jessie and for the six households, including the new Household in Banks and Torres led by Sr. Colleen.

For a greater understanding of Human Rights to promote stability and respect within communities, to love thy neighbour.

Wednesday

For the Diocese of Ysabel, Bishop Ellison Quity and the staff at the Diocesan Headquarters at Jejevo, Buala. For the new church secondary school being built on the island.

For volunteers from UK, Australia and New Zealand who share their skills in Melanesia. For projects, which are driven by the needs of Melaneseans.

Thursday

For the Diocese of Vanuatu & New Caledonia and the staff at the Diocesan Headquarters in Luganville on the island of Santo and for Bishop James Tama.

For the displaced people of Ambae. May they be given safe and adequate spaces to recover and rebuild their lives, homes and communities.

Friday

For the Society of St Francis throughout the world, including Melanesia. We pray for their work along with Third Order members with the homeless and jobless in Honiara.

We pray for the greater care of creation and give thanks for the life and inspiration of St Francis.

For communities affected by climate change and pray for protection from unscrupulous mining and logging.

Saturday

For the Diocese of Hanuato'o, Bishop Alfred Karibongi and the staff at the Diocesan Headquarters in Kirakira.

For closer Diocesan Links bringing Christians around the world together in Christian Unity. For all those called to be missionaries in the past, now and in the future. For those who have given their life in service to God.

WEEK 2

Sunday

For the Most Revd George Takeli in his role as Archbishop of Melanesia and as Diocesan Bishop of Central Melanesia. For all the staff in the Diocesan Headquarters in Honiara.

For all the different communities in Honiara, that there be a safe and clean environment for all these groups to flourish and come to respect each other.

For the Church's outreach work in hospitals, Rove Prison, women's issues, climate change relocation programmes, youth conferences, and through the teachings and mission activities of the ACoM Decade of evangelism and renewal programme 2017 – 2027.

Monday

For the Diocese of Guadalcanal, Bishop Nathan Tome and the staff at the Diocesan Headquarters in Honiara. Pray for the Provincial Cathedral of St Barnabas, Honiara, and the Dean Philip Rongotha, and all who minister and worship there.

Tuesday

For the Community of the Sisters of the Church, and for Sr Veronica, Provincial Sister for the Solomon Islands Pacific Region. We give thanks for the Community's work with children around TNK. For the Christian Care Centre outside of Honiara and the new centre in Malaita. For the work on gender-based violence with police and community leaders. For Sr Phyllis Sau and Sr Doreen.

Wednesday

For the Diocese of Central Solomons, Bishop Ben Seka and the staff at the Diocesan Headquarters in Tulagi. For the shipyard at Taroaniara and

all those who travel by sea around Melanesia, including those who work and go on missions aboard the Southern Cross. For the printing press in Honiara.

Thursday

For the Diocese of Banks and Torres, Bishop Patteson Alfred Worek and the staff at the Diocesan Headquarters in Sola.

For the Mothers' Union in the Province, their Provincial President Pamela Abana and for their work on literacy programmes, couples counselling, the Girls Friendly Society, savings clubs and the Positive Parenting Programme.

We give thanks for the recent training 'Women on the Front Line', and pray for the women using these skills in their peace and reconciliation work.

Friday

For the Melanesian Brotherhood in the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, PNG, Philippines and Canada. For the Head Brother Nelson Bako. For the Companions worldwide working to support this community.

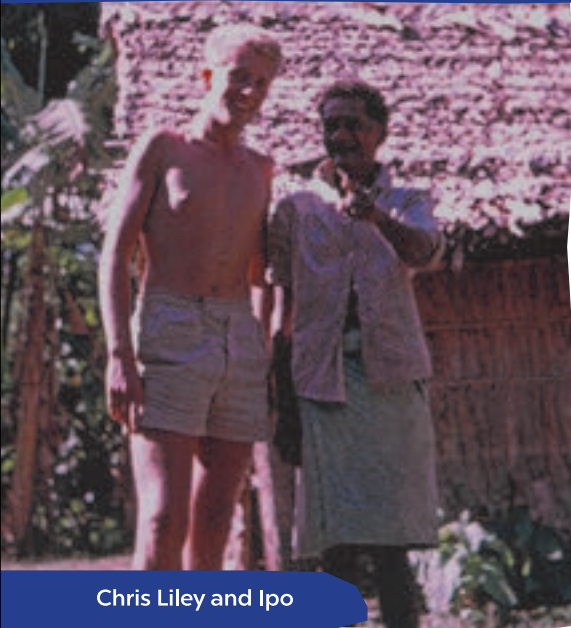
For School Partnerships and the opportunities for children and teachers in the UK and Melanesia to learn together. We continue to pray for the success of the gap year programme with the Project Trust students placed with Selwyn and St Nicholas Colleges.

Saturday

The Diocese of Malaita, Diocesan Bishop Sam Sahu and Assistant Bishop Rickson George Maomaoru.

For Church schools, rural training centres, the theological colleges and John Coleridge Patteson University, staff and pupils.

FAITH IN ACTION



Chris Liley and Ipo

On stepping down as MMUK Trustee, the Venerable Chris Liley looks back on his long association with Melanesia.

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Yes indeed – 1965 was 53 years ago! It might seem like yesterday but looking back it seems like a different world.

Back then when I went out to Melanesia as a VSO volunteer, it certainly seemed as though I was going into a different world. VSO (Voluntary Service Overseas) gave young people wonderful opportunities to enter adulthood and even with relatively few qualifications, provided the chance to

engage with a radically new environment. In many ways they took a chance with me – how would I react to being a very long way from home, with little chance of return and only a modest form of preparation? Looking back, I thought then that it was me who was taking the risk, but I see now that it was my hosts and my sponsors.

Melanesia transformed me.

As a naive young 18-year-old, who was unsure where to go next in life, I was welcomed into the church and the life of the school at Pawa on the island of Ugi. Both were gateways to new understandings of community life and of beginning to grasp how the world needs much more than a first world/western focus. Generosity, simplicity, human respect, valuing the environment and seeing all as a gift of God, were the ways into a radical redrawing of my understanding of the mystery of life together in the world. Whilst I was seen to be going to Melanesia as a “teacher”, it was very clear that whilst I went with the benefit of an education, in reality I was the one who was doing most of the learning. It was in the classroom as well as in the copra plantation and over social time at weekends that I learnt the need for humility and forgiveness as it was so ably demonstrated by the boys I went to teach. To list these things seems inadequate, for it was not so much “lessons to be learnt” as a “way of life to live”.

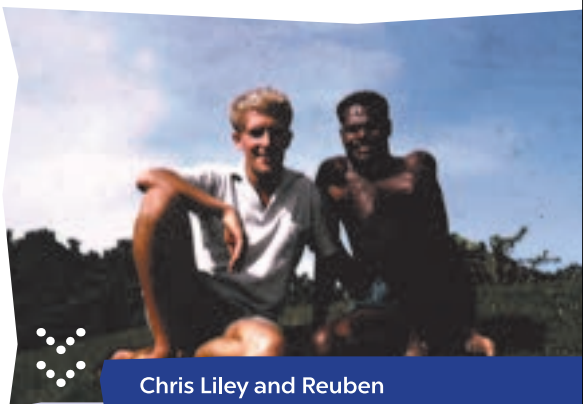
Returning to the UK in 1966 the future seemed clearer, even though the journey was to be varied. The hardest thing was to tell the stories and yet to have a sense that those who listened were grasping so little of what it had meant to me. There was so much I wanted to be different; so much I could see about our way of life which needed to be changed. Furthermore there was a sense that the worst legacies of the developed economies were leaving their destruction in these wonderful islands and I wanted to stop that happening further.

Fifty-three years on, after a rich and lasting contact with Melanesia and its peoples, it is time to step down as a Trustee and let other younger and more recently experienced women and men take up the reins. The issues remain. The drive to urbanisation and the loss of that sense of interdependence between people and the natural order is taking us headlong into an age of crisis. We have learnt so little about the lessons of living in simplicity and with gratitude; we still perpetuate the legacy of the damage caused by abuse of the environment and the disparities caused by the inequalities of wealth. It is encouraging that the partnership between the Trustees and the Anglican Church of Melanesia continues to address these matters through support of the churches' strategic objectives. The Christian faith we share and the inherited values of the Melanesian way of life continue to be the core foci of work. From the vantage point of knowing how much I am indebted to Melanesia, its Church and

its People, I commend again the work of MMUK; this is faith in action. Learning and living together in a partnership of faith shared and a mutual responsibility for the world entrusted to us.

Ven Chris Liley

Retiring Trustee



Chris Liley and Reuben

**Faithful God,
Continuing with us through the
changing ages of our journey;
We hold in your presence the
people of Melanesia,
And the work of the Melanesian
Mission in the United Kingdom.**

**May their relationship flourish,
Learning with each other how to
face the new challenges of our time.**

**Grant us the gifts of attentiveness
That we may hear what each is saying
And so move closer to that
faithful discipleship
Which marks out your kingdom.
Through Christ our Lord, we pray.
Amen**

PROJECT TRUST – YEAR ONE



Jet & Flora with the ACoM Netball Team

Returning from her volunteer placement with Project Trust in the Solomon Islands, Flora Hamilton looks back at her amazing year.

In August 2017, my co-volunteer Jet and I were sent to the Solomon Islands through the gap year charity Project Trust, who send 300 volunteers overseas every year to about 20 different countries to complete teaching, social care and outward-bound projects. Our year was the first time Project Trust had sent volunteers to the Solomons. So, in partnership with MMUK and the Anglican Church of Melanesia, we, along with two boys, were sent to the other side of the world to try to set up volunteering placements there. Jet and I were sent to work at St Nicholas College in the capital, Honiara. The two boys, Noah and Ultan were sent to Selwyn College, the boarding school outside of town.

St Nicholas College consists of a nursery, primary and secondary school which together cater for roughly 1800 students. Jet started teaching the remedial Grade 1 and 2 Primary classes how to read, while I taught English in the Secondary to their Year 8 and Year 12 classes. This meant I was teaching classes of up to 70 children aged 13-23, which, as I'm sure you can imagine, was a challenge. The schooling system out there needs reform as from the end of Primary school students are removed if they do not achieve high enough grades, meaning that only a fraction of students make it to Year 13. Furthermore, despite the fact that their whole education from the start of Primary School is supposedly in English, a majority of my Year 12 class were still unable to correctly form a sentence. While Jet and I as individuals could only have had a limited

impact, Project Trust aims to continue to send volunteers for placements at the school for years to come. The aim is to improve the standard of English over time, which will allow more students to stay in school until Year 13 and beyond.

As well as teaching, I became involved in coaching the netball team, helping in the Library and other extra curricula activities in the school. Outside of school, Jet and I became very involved with the youth group at All Saints Church. We taught at the Sunday School and joined in with church events. One of the things I find most amazing about the Solomons is how they have managed to marry together their Anglican faith with their traditional tribal culture. We were taught traditional dances to perform at events such as the initiation of the Melanesian Brotherhood, which we loved. Before Jet and I arrived in the Solomons we expected the highlight of our year there to be the opportunity to travel this tropical paradise; but in the end our favourite moments were found singing worship songs with the youth group, as their incredible voices produce an energy and emotion which surpasses anything I have ever felt.

Our year in the Solomons was undoubtedly the best of my life. The experience of being totally submersed in a culture and lifestyle so different from our own has completely changed my outlook on life and has taught me lessons that I will value forever. Despite the many hardships that they face, the people of the Solomon Islands are the happiest and friendliest I have ever met. And, their friendliness grew even greater when they learnt that I am from England, as they view the British as having saved them by bringing them onto the path to God. They truly value every contribution MMUK makes to the Solomon Islands, whether that be through visits, financial support or through the improvement of education through MMUK's partnership with Project Trust. I hope that the work of Project Trust in the Solomons will continue for many years to come.

Having just completed this placement, I can say without a shadow of a doubt that the Melanesian Mission UK could not bestow their generous donations and assistance on a more welcoming or appreciative people.

Flora Hamilton

Project Trust 2017/2018 Solomon Islands

Many thanks to Flora for being one of our guest speakers at this year's AGM and Festival Day.

We are delighted to announce that following the great success of the first-year volunteers – Flora, Jet, Noah and Ultan, the Anglican Church of Melanesia has invited four more Project Trustee Volunteers for a yearlong placement 2018/2019. We look forward to hearing about their time in Melanesia.

If you would like to send a donation to support the Anglican Church of Melanesia housing future Project Trust volunteers, please reference your donation Gap Year Volunteers.

Read more from Project Trust in an article by Project Trust's Overseas Director John Fraser, on our website www.mmuk.net/news, and the article 'Go with the flow' by fellow Project Trust Volunteers Noah and Ultan in our Summer 2018 magazine, available to view online www.mmuk.net/magazines.

CHESTER LINK – THE FUTURE

There was a joyful celebration at Foxhill, Chester Diocese in May to mark thirty years of the link between the Diocese of Chester and the Anglican Church of Melanesia. Supporters from the diocese were joined by some special guests from Melanesia: Brother Nelson (Head of the Melanesian Brotherhood), Brother Michael (Head of the Tabalia Section of the Brotherhood), and Sisters Priscilla and Mary-Gladys from the Community of the Sisters of the Church. And this link shows no sign of slowing up.

The diocese is committed to building on its longstanding relationship with the religious orders in Melanesia. This has particularly involved the Melanesian Brotherhood, for example in the support for brothers to study at the University of Chester and the financial support for the construction of Chester House in Honiara. Alongside these relationships, links are growing with the Community of the Sisters of Melanesia. For example, a link has just been formalised, with the blessing of Archbishop George, between the Sisters and the Sisters of Jesus Way, a religious order on the Wirral, for prayer and mutual support.

Other possibilities for the future include encouraging visits to the UK by members of the religious orders, curate placements in Melanesia, more bursaries for degree-level study at the University of Chester, and developing the flourishing schools' partnerships still further.

The link has been of huge benefit to the Diocese of Chester for the last thirty years and we are looking forward expectantly to all that God will do in the next thirty years.

Ven Mike Gilbertson

Archdeacon of Chester & MMUK Trustee

Read more about the Chester Link on our website, including the visit of staff from Woodchurch Church of England High School to the Solomon Islands earlier this year, growing school partnerships and an interview with the Head Brother Nelson from the Melanesian Brotherhood.



KEEP IN TOUCH

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Email: mission@mmuk.net

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VISITS TO THE REGION & PROJECTS UPDATE

 The Melanesian Mission is encouraging and supporting more people to visit Melanesia, as an essential way to continue to grow our spiritually together, learning from each other and walking side by side in faith.

Over the past year UK curates have made visits and lived alongside the religious orders and the Mothers' Union, observing and learning about their holistic mission work. In return these visitors have offered bible study classes, and are now sharing their stories with UK supporters.

At the charity's recent AGM and Festival Day, we were fortunate to hear from Revd Cathy Scoffield and Revd Dr Steven Martin about their visits. You can read about their experiences on the charity's website www.mmuk.net/news

In 2019 the charity aims to visit educational institutions and encourage more young people to consider a Gap Year or Semester of study in the Solomon Islands or Vanuatu. We are hopeful that visits to Eton College in the last year by both Archbishop George and two Melanesian Brothers, and future visits to theological training institutions by trustees will bear fruit.

If you would like to find out more about a volunteer placement in Melanesia, contact the charity www.mmuk.net/volunteer or ring 01404 851656



Revd Cathy Scoffield with Sr Mildred CSM

The charity is also continuing its work on Christian Distinctiveness in schools training in Vanuatu and launched this year in the Solomon Islands. At this year's AGM Daphne Jordan updated supporters on the project. You can read more about this work on our website www.mmuk.net/news. If you would like to support the next stage of the programme, please contact the charity.

The charity congratulates Christine Calderwood for being awarded another grant from the British High Commission in the Solomon Islands to continue the Human Rights Teacher Training Programme – Article 1. MMUK looks forward to working with Christine and her team in 2019.

The Melanesian Mission (MMUK) is an Anglican Mission agency that provides support to the Anglican Church of Melanesia (ACoM), through prayer, people and giving.

Please visit our website for the latest news and prayer requests from MMUK and ACoM.

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O Jesus,

Be the canoe that holds me up in the sea of life;
Be the rudder that keeps me in the straight road;
Be the outrigger that supports me in times of temptation.
Let your Spirit be my sail that carries me through each day.
Keep my body strong so I can paddle steadfastly
on in the voyage of life. Amen

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