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*Dear Father,*

Many thanks for coming to see me today together with David Martlew, and for your email of June 15 and its accompanying documentation, requesting that episcopal, sacramental and pastoral ministry be exercised at St James the Great in accordance with the theological convictions of yourself and your people.

I am well aware of the positive and enriching contribution of St James the Great to the life of the Diocese and I am glad to accede to your request. In accordance with the House of Bishops' Declaration and the Five Guiding Principles, I shall therefore invite my friend and colleague Bishop Glyn Webster to offer you his episcopal ministry under my own ordinary jurisdiction. I have spoken with my colleagues in the Diocesan Core Group who are fully supportive of this invitation. I am copying this letter to Bishop Glyn for his information and with my warm thanks.

Please convey my good wishes to the PCC and to all at St James the Great. I remain enormously grateful to God for the ministry of your colleagues and your people, and personally grateful for your own ministry within the Church and within the Diocese. May God continue to bless you all.

This comes with warm good wishes and with thanks again,

*+ Paul.*