



Diocese of Bristol

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21 March 2013

Dear Chris,

**Re: West Swindon and The Lydiards**

I am writing at this time to thank you for giving in 2012 £72,000, and although this missed your pledge we are still grateful for what you have been able to achieve through prayer and endeavour.

What you give is enabling us to resource ministers in churches across the diocese and provide essential support to parishes and schools.

Please report my thanks to your PCC at its next meeting.

Yours in the service of Christ,

*Mike*



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Thank you for pledging to give to the ministry of parish churches in this Diocese through Parish Share in 2013.

What you give is enabling us to resource ministers in churches across the Diocese and provide essential support to parishes and schools. We are delighted that in 2012 40 people were ordained in our Cathedral, and we now have more ministers in post than in 2004.

You will know that, despite overall growth in churches in our diocese over the last few years and the on-going commitment of church members to give faithfully, the economic context is challenging for many. A number of our parishes are facing financial struggles. You will also know that as a diocese, we have felt the impact of that and have had to be really discerning about where we invest the resources of the wider church for the sake of the Kingdom. This has not been easy. I am aware that over recent years, you have struggled to increase your giving to this wider work. I do not underestimate the challenges but my colleagues in your deanery and I would really value the opportunity to hear from you in the months ahead about your experiences and the challenges you face. As someone who has the responsibility for the mission of the Church across this area I am so grateful for who you are and what you do.

You remain in my prayers as we together move forward in our growth of the Kingdom in this Diocese.

Yours in Christ

*Mike*