

25th March 2021

Dear all,

On Saturday 24th April at 4pm there will be a service in Portsmouth Cathedral to celebrate and give thanks for Bishop Christopher's leadership in the diocese since 2010. This is a special and important service in the life of the diocese but it takes place at a time when we will be continuing to live under some restrictions due to Covid 19. It will be live streamed to enable as many people from across our diocese are able to join and be part of the service in that way. It is of course a sadness that the numbers of those able to be physically present in the Cathedral for the service will be limited and as such it will be by invitation only. It is the wish of Bishop Christopher that the invites will be issued to as diverse a group as possible such that the different aspects of diocesan life will be represented by those present.

We have been served and led by Bishop Christopher since 2010. In expression of this gratitude if you, your PCC or other diocesan groups would like to contribute to a farewell gift for Bishop Christopher and Sally as they begin their well-earned retirement, then please do so by bank transfer to the DBF bank account (Sort Code: 20-12-83; Account No: 40431761; Account Name: Portsmouth Diocesan Board of Finance) using reference CRE021. If you are also able to contact us on accounts@portsmouth.anglican.org to inform us of your gift that would be immensely helpful. If you choose to make a gift by cheque then please send it to the Diocesan Office with a covering note indicating it is towards the retirement gift for Bishop Christopher and again using CRE021 as the reference. Please could all gifts be received by 9th April 2021.

Yours Sincerely,



Victoria James
Diocesan Secretary