

11th May 2015

Dear Colleagues,

I am very pleased to be able to write to you to say that Lambeth Palace has today released a statement concerning our former Bishop, Michael Perham. Following a police investigation last year, which resulted in no further action, the matter in relation to Bishop Michael was reviewed by the Church of England in accordance with its national safeguarding policy. I am delighted to say that, following the completion of the review and Independent Risk Assessment, Bishop Michael has been cleared to take up ministry in his retirement.

We are therefore now able to mark Bishop Michael's committed and dedicated ministry to this diocese with a service of thanksgiving at Gloucester Cathedral on **Saturday 13th June at 4.30pm**. This Eucharist is open to all who would like to attend and Bishop Michael will preside and preach. Following the service there will be refreshments and an opportunity to express personal thanks to Michael and Alison.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as are able, at that service.

With prayers and best wishes,



