

## Statement from Bishop +Ian

My Dear Friends,

I am writing this open letter about recent personal health issues and for clarification.

Approximately four weeks ago I started to feel unwell and was referred to Lincoln County Hospital (stroke unit). After exhaustive tests it became clear that a small incident had taken place in my brain resulting in dizziness and fatigue. I was immediately prescribed Statins and Clot breaking medication. My blood pressure was higher than is normal for me probably contributing to severe headaches. At no time was I or have I been incapacitated in any way other than the issues stated. Today, I can report that my dizziness is very substantially reduced, and the headaches are gone. My blood pressure is closer now to normal, but the fatigue is still evident although it must be said the medication is contributing to tiredness.

This difficult episode has in great part been brought on by the incredible stress in trying to secure St Katherine's Cathedral for the TAC. Despite assurances and promises made by the receivers, they decided to sell the whole complex to another (secular) party. The work by so many in restoring and developing St Katherine's from an abandoned building to what you see today is a testimony to our mission as Christians. The personal pain of the loss has been devastating. We were given seven days to quit, this exercise itself was stressful in the extreme.

As time progressed prior to our departure, I took the precautionary step in securing our temporary new home at the Bridge Church complex just a five-minute walk from St Katherine's. Our hosts have shown incredible love and charity towards us and made us so welcome. We have full sole access on Sundays, our organ recitals are continuing every Friday afternoon and access can be available on Thursdays by arrangement, I have styled our new home as St Gilberts Cathedral Church, Lincoln.

St Gilbert's Cathedral Church, Lincoln C/O The Bridge Church, 107 - 155 Newark Road, Lincoln LN5 8NQ.

The Cathedral office is now based at:- Reasby Manor Office, Reasby Manor, Reasby, Lincoln LN3 5BW.

My email is [ian@priorylincoln.co.uk](mailto:ian@priorylincoln.co.uk) my normal contact number remains unaltered.

I am deeply touched by the messages of love and support I have received and most humbly grateful.

I will in His strength get back to full health as soon as I possibly can, however, be assured of my unflinching commitment to God and to each one of you.

I send to you my Prayers and Blessings

In Christ Jesus

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