



The Bishop of Grimsby

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Dear friends,

In the months since I became the Bishop of Grimsby, one of my delights has been getting to know this diocese, its people, its places and the land which sustains us all. It's easy to give thanks for the beauty of God's creation when I see the rolling hills, golden fields and calm waters across Greater Lincolnshire.

One of my favourite parables, the stories which Jesus uses to teach us about God's kingdom, is the Parable of the Sower. We've heard it read in church recently. A farmer sows some seed; some of it lands on the path and is eaten by the birds, some falls on rocky ground, some ends up choked by thorns, and some takes root in good soil.

This story helps us to understand how the good news of Jesus, and his gift of new life, is there for everyone to hear, and it's up to us how to respond.

I also love the way in which this story shows that our God is so generous – think about the farmer scattering seed, almost carelessly! God's love for us is so abundant that he shares it far and wide. I hope and pray that God's love will find a home in your hearts and that you will learn to be as generous at the Lord.

Over the summer months, as you see the tractors starting to gather crops from the fields, or ships out on the water, or food trucks going up and down our roads and streets, I want you to think back to the Parable of the Sower. As you see the generous provision of food from land and sea which sustains us all, remember that this is a sign of God's own generous nature.

Think about how you can be generous too, following the example of God. How can you and I be generous with our love towards others? What good news can we share? What good deeds can we do for others as a sign of God's love?

As you prepare for your summer holidays, you are all in my prayers. May this be a time of rest, recreation and renewal for you.

God bless you,

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