



The Bishop of Grimsby

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Dear friends,

I became the Bishop of Grimsby just a few months ago, and I have loved exploring this diocese, and getting to know our people, our places and the land on which we live. When I drive around Greater Lincolnshire, I find it very easy to say thank you to God for the beauty of his creation when I see the rolling hills, golden fields and calm waters.

In the Bible, Jesus uses stories to teach us about God's kingdom. We call them Parables, and one of my favourites is the Parable of the Sower. We heard it 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 gifts of love and life, are there for everyone to hear. We choose how to respond to this good news.

I also love the way in which this story shows that our God is so generous. Picture the farmer in the parable, scattering seed all over the place! God's love for us is so great 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 as God.

During the summer, when you see tractors harvesting crops in the fields, or ships out on the water, or food trucks on our roads, I want you to remember the Parable of the Sower. When you see the generous amount of food from land and sea which feeds us all, remember that this is a sign of how generous God is.

In his generosity, God asks us to follow his example. How can you and I be generous with our love for 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, joy and play for you.

God bless you,

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