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Dear Friends

I am writing to tell you that I plan to resign my post as Bishop of Jarrow in early October this year on my 69th birthday. By that time I shall have been Bishop of Jarrow for just over eleven years.

There will be other occasions to say things, but in recent weeks I have become ever more aware of what an extraordinary blessing it has been to be allowed to live in the North East and to be amongst its people for these past eleven years.

I shall celebrate the Eucharist for the last time in Durham Cathedral on the afternoon of Sunday September 23rd and I am very grateful to the Dean for making that possible. Further details will emerge but it would be lovely if as many as felt able were able to join with me on that occasion.

Many of you have been extremely generous with your prayers for me over the past eleven years and I wonder if Elisabeth and I might trespass on your kindness a little longer by asking to you to continue to pray for us as we prepare to make what feels like quite a significant transition.

With every blessing

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M/Bryant', with a horizontal line underneath.