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**The Rt Revd Dr John Inge**  
THE BISHOP OF WORCESTER

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Dear friends in Christ,

This letter comes to let you know that I shall shortly be announcing my retirement as Bishop of Worcester.

Being the 113<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Worcester has been an enormous privilege. By the time I leave I shall have been here nearly 17 years, the longest I have lived anywhere in my life. I have lived through the best of times and the worst of times in my personal life during those years and am more grateful than I can say for all the love and support I have received. I am not anxious to retire – I am deeply attached to the diocese and love being the Bishop of Worcester! However, I shall be 70 in February and feel, under God, that now is the right time to leave.

I shall withdraw from most ministry in mid-September; there will be a farewell service in the Cathedral at 4pm on the Feast of St Michael and All Angels (Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September), to which you are warmly invited, and my retirement will formally come into effect on 9<sup>th</sup> October.

Bishop Martin will become Acting Diocesan Bishop after my retirement and until a new bishop is appointed. I have every confidence in him and know that he will be able to count on your support.

I beg your prayers for H-J and me during this time of transition and assure you of mine.

With my very good wishes,

Yours,



Dr John Inge