

## **THE BISHOP'S LETTER FOR PARISH MAGAZINES: NOVEMBER 2011**

The Bishop of Lincoln, the Rt Revd Christopher Lowson, writes:

Dear Friends

There have been a number of 'firsts' for me in the last few days. I've been to Buckingham Palace and met the Queen; I've had my first TV interview with Peter Levy on Look North; and I have received a wonderful welcome from the people of Lincolnshire, North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire. I am thankful for all these things.

My wife Susan is busy preparing for our move to our new home in Lincoln and we are looking forward to joining you around the Diocese at your celebrations in your church, your school or community, as this first year of office progresses.

On 12th November the formal part of my arrival will take place in the magnificent Cathedral, when I take the Bishop's seat among the Chapter and congregation. I hope many of you will be able to come and join in the worship.

The following day is Remembrance Sunday and for many of us, this is a time of quiet reflection, but for others, it's a time of renewed sorrow. I am only too aware of the price Lincolnshire families have paid, not only in the great wars, but also in the recent conflicts. Sunday 13th November will be another first for me, as I shall be able to join you in prayer on this special day.

Many of you are also coping with difficult economic circumstances, whether you live in our industrial towns or in rural areas. It is my aim to listen and learn in the coming months, so that my life and work as Bishop of Lincoln reaches out to you, wherever you are in this splendid region.

Looking forward to it!

+Christopher