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As from: Bishopswood,
Fareham, Hants
(the holiday)

My dear Sheila,

Having just had the sad news of Bill's death, I write to send to you and the family my loving sympathy, together with the assurance of my prayers at this time. His going from us is a sad blow for many people, and for the Church, but for none more than for yourself. Yet, we can be sure that the Company of Heaven is rejoicing to have him with them and I doubt not that he continues to love and pray for all he has left on earth: indeed, perhaps his contribution to the Gospel of Jesus Christ is yet greater than before.

Much will be (or is being, or has been) written and said about Bill, but I count myself hugely privileged to have been the first bishop he consecrated after his move to Cape Town. I also recall with thanksgiving his pastoral care and personal concern for a very young and immature bishop, and I knew that I could count on his prayers and support. History will surely single him out as one of the most influential archbishops and I hope that his courage will be recognised in the way that he allowed God to take him along new and unfamiliar paths. His leadership was much needed at the time of his 'metropolitancy' and the CPFA was much blessed by it. May his rest be peaceful and his

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rising with Christ be glorious; and may you know
the power of the Lord's resurrection, to give you
courage and hope in the days ahead.

Please don't try to answer all the many
letters you receive - and this is certainly one which
calls for no reply.

With my love - God bless you, Sheila. *Timothy*