To: All licensed clergy, PtO and parish officers in Buckinghamshire, ODBF staff, ODBE and MAT staff

6 March 2024

Dear John

As a diocese we continue to give thanks for Bishop Alan Wilson's ministry among us, and for his life and faith. I write now with details of arrangements for his funeral and memorial service.

Bishop Alan's funeral will be on Friday 15 March. The family have requested that the congregation at the funeral is made up of invited family, friends and close colleagues. I know you will respect this. Please do be holding Lucy and the family in your prayers on this day in particular.

We will be remembering Bishop Alan and our two incumbents who have died in service during this past year as part of our Chrism Eucharist in Christ Church on Maundy Thursday, 28 March at 11am.

Bishop Alan's memorial service is planned for Saturday 13 April at 11.30am in All Saints, High Wycombe. Please reserve the date. Booking details will be circulated in the next couple of weeks. This service will be livestreamed, and we are exploring a number of hosted locations across the diocese for this as it may well be that the numbers wanting to attend the service exceed capacity.

Please do pass this information on to others who would want to know.

I know that many continue to grieve a dear friend and pastor. We hold fast in this season to the familiar words of Jesus: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life."

The Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford