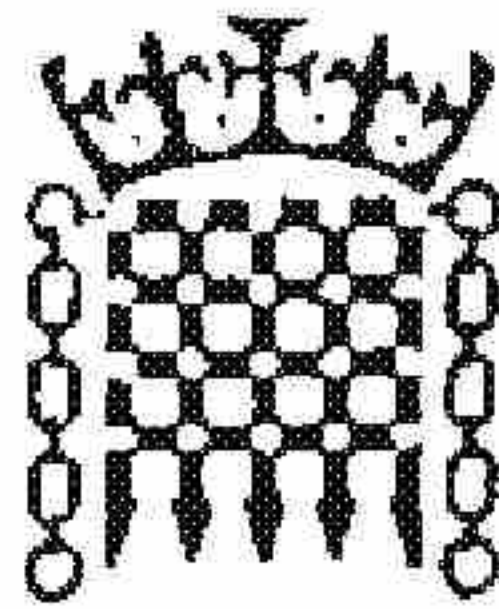


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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Tim Rathbone'.

RE: RT. REV. BISHOP PETER OF GLOUCESTER

Having been Member of Parliament for the Lewes Constituency since 1974, I have known Bishop Peter during his whole time as Bishop of Lewes.

Having come to know him well as Bishop, as friend and as doer of good works, I find it literally inconceivable that he would ever become involved with anyone in the way the newspapers have described or insinuated.

In all his works, and all his life, he has shown Christian humanity, care for those in need of a helping hand or a helping word and, especially, generous care of so many young men needing a good and supportive environment in which to readjust their lives in a positive way.

In all of this, he has drawn upon a steadfast faith and has used an ability to communicate that faith and share it with others, often with the help of humour, most effectively.

His life in the Church and in the Community is a shining example of applied and practical goodness of a very special, if not unique quality.

I sincerely hope that these facts will be borne in mind when assessing the validity of criticism from any quarter.

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