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BISHOP OF GLOUCESTER - RESIGNATION

The Archbishop of Canterbury has expressed his great sorrow, but also his understanding and acceptance of the Rt Rev Peter Ball's decision to resign as Bishop of Gloucester.

"Bishop Peter is a highly gifted and original man who has inspired many people to deepen their faith in Jesus Christ. He has been much loved, both in his Diocese and in the wider Church, including the House of Bishops.

His resignation as Bishop of Gloucester is therefore a cause of great sorrow. However, given that he has accepted the caution, his resignation is a responsible decision made in the best interests of the Diocese of Gloucester and the wider Church.

I encourage Christian people to bear up all those involved in their prayers."

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