

Message from the Poor Clares re. leaving the Monastery in Bulwell April 2023

As you are aware, we had to move out of the monastery in Bulwell due to the condition of the building. Since that time, we have been looking for suitable accommodation within the Diocese. Having looked at several possibilities and explored further a couple of these – we have been unsuccessful.

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We have now found a monastery. This is being vacated by another congregation and we have purchased the monastery for our home. However, this monastery is in Hereford. Any donations given to us towards the proposed re-building or purchasing of a property in the Nottingham Diocese, have been put towards the cost of purchasing this monastery and the alterations that will be needed to be done.

We will be moving to this monastery in early May. We are sorry to be leaving Bulwell and the Diocese of Nottingham but this seems to be where the Lord is leading and so we must follow. We are deeply grateful to you for your welcome, support and care for us, both while we were living in Bulwell and while we were experiencing life in other small “hermitages” in the Diocese. Please be assured of our love, thoughts and prayers for you. You will continue to be in our hearts and prayers and we can still be contacted by email.

Given the distance from our current accommodations to Hereford, it will not be possible for most of the community to return to say goodbye. We do hope to have a Mass and gathering with a few of us for a final farewell to you sometime in the future, in the Church and centre in Bulwell.