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Ms Henrietta Reeve DL  
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Dear Henrietta

I write to you, as vice-president, in the hope that you will be able to involve the Lincolnshire Churches Trust in a very exciting initiative.

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September marks the culmination of the Bishop's Year of Discipleship in the Lincoln diocese.

The Bishop and the Archdeacon of Boston, who has charge of the detailed arrangements for this day, have readily agreed to my suggestion that we should also make it a day of pilgrimage to the shrine of St Hugh in Lincoln Cathedral.

In connection with our many Magna Carta Year celebrations 2015 has been designated as a year of pilgrimage for all who have a contact with Lincoln and Lincolnshire – by birth, ancestry, education, occupation and, most of all, residence.

Taking as our cue the fact that pilgrims in medieval times would almost invariably acquire a pilgrim badge of the shrine they visited we have had designed a beautiful pilgrim badge depicting St Hugh and his swan which can be purchased for a very modest amount at various outlets in Lincoln at the moment.

St Hugh's shrine was, of course, one of the great centres of pilgrimage in medieval times and between St Hugh's canonisation in 1220 and the Reformation, when his shrine was despoiled and destroyed, pilgrims came in vast numbers to venerate the shrine of Lincolnshire's greatest saint and bishop. We are hoping that, from all parts of the diocese, and particularly from all the parish churches, pilgrims will come this year – on foot, on bicycles, in motorcars and organised groups. There will be special events in and around the Cathedral, and a major service of dedication.

I do hope you will be able to encourage all the Lincolnshire churches with which you have contact, to come to Lincoln on 26<sup>th</sup> September.

Yours faithfully  
The Lord Cormack