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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I expect that by now many of you will have heard the sad news that Peter Scheuer died in late January, after a long struggle with cancer of the spine. For those of you who had not, I am sorry to be the bearer of bad tidings. He retired less than two years ago having been a key figure in the Group for almost 50 years. I am sure that everyone who worked and studied here appreciates just what a remarkable man he was, not only for the brilliance of his own work but in the way that he helped and influenced those around him. He will be greatly missed. I enclose an appreciation written by Malcolm Longair.

I wanted to let you know that a Memorial Service to celebrate Peter's life will be held in Little St Mary's church, which is on Trumpington Street in Cambridge near Peter's College, Peterhouse, on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 11:30am. There will be refreshments afterwards in the College. Naturally, we hope that as many of you as possible will be able to come. I know that his wife, Jane, and daughter, Suzi, will be pleased to see you there.

We do recognize of course that it will be impractical for many of you to make the journey, but we wanted to make sure that everyone was aware of the event. It would be helpful to know if you are likely to come so we can plan accordingly. We would naturally be delighted to hear from you in any case. I know that Jane has particularly enjoyed receiving anecdotes of Peter's exploits from his friends and fellow astronomers. She asked me to say that she would like any donations to go to the oncology unit at Addenbrookes. I will be more than happy to pass on any communications or contributions, but if you would like to contact her directly the address is:

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With very best wishes

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