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Dear Friends,

I'm sure that you're all aware of the exciting progress which has been made on our Parish Centre project. Thanks to the great generosity of very many people both in and beyond the congregation, and the sterling work of our steering group and our fundraisers, the contractors were able to start work in the summer, and we should see completion by Easter, or very soon after that. It's already possible to see the configuration of the various rooms in the new space and we are working hard to ensure that the fixtures and fittings are appropriate...including the glass which will be installed in the lower part of the west window, blocked (despite the protests of Peterhouse!) when the Parish Room was first built, and now to be re-opened.

The new Bishop of Ely, the Rt Revd Stephen Conway, will be coming to preach at the High Mass on Sunday June 5th and to dedicate the Centre. Do please make sure that this is in your 2011 diary! I'm hoping to be allowed back from Worcester for the occasion myself.

Although we have the back-up of a low interest loan from the Diocese of Ely to ensure that we can pay all the bills, we do need one final push to get to our financial target. Perhaps you thought a year ago, 'I'll wait and see whether it's really going to happen': or, 'I'll think about it again in a few months' time'; so now that the project is really taking shape, I invite you as we look towards Christmas with its reminder that the eternal Word was made Flesh, a Real Presence in our material world, to contribute as generously as you can (whether as a first-time donor, or adding to a gift you've already made) towards a further £55,000, as we make a final push to get over the finishing line. I would love to see us cross it before I leave LSM; and I'm looking forward to hearing about the creative ways in which our Parish Centre is used in the months and years to come. Your contributions help to make it OUR project!

With my thanks and prayers,

Fr Andrew Greany
Vicar