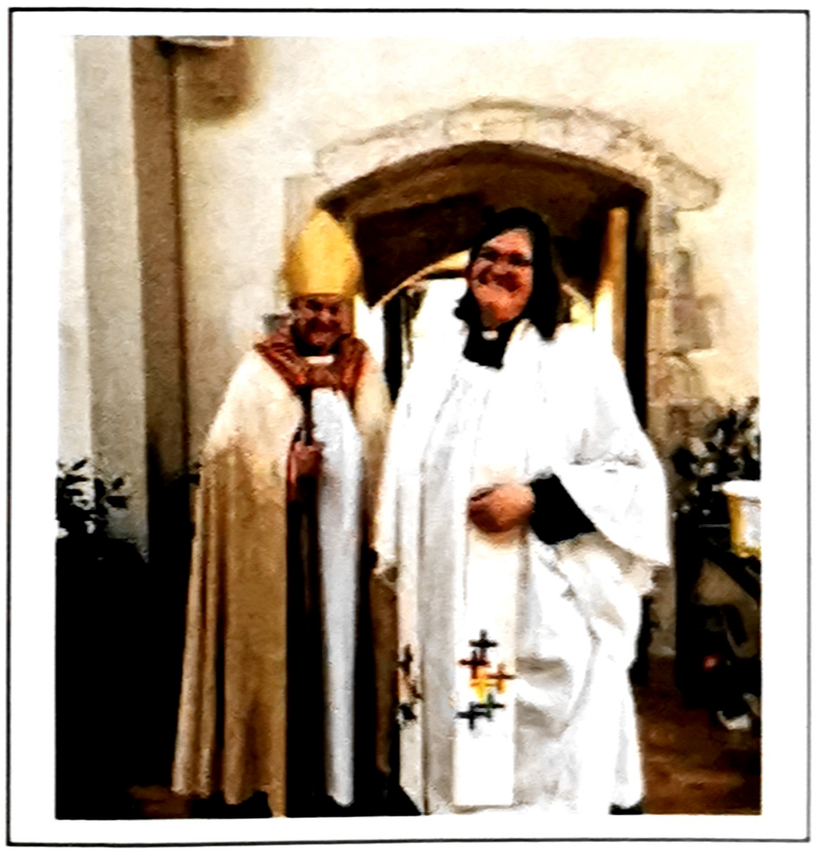
Dear Friends,

On one hand I can hardly believe that it's a whole year since the doors of the new St. Peter's opened for the first time and yet on the other hand it seems so much more than just a year!

Being part of your community as we worked together on a task that often felt insurmountable and yet which ended with such an incredible achievement will always be one of the biggest privileges of my life.

Watching the film that you'll see together after today's service made me shed more than a couple of tears remembering all that we did together and giving thanks for all that came from it. Above all, I have such happy memories of all that has already happened in that new space and I know that there are so many more memories to be made there for all of you and for others yet to arrive. I wish I could be celebrating with you but it turns out that Sundays are pretty busy in the new job too - who would have thought?

I remember being asked on that first Sunday after reopening what word I would use to describe how I felt and all I could say was "Hallelujah!" I hope you're still shouting Hallelujah today and on all the anniversaries that are to come - it's a remarkable thing for a little village to have achieved, never take it or each other for granted!



With much love and prayers for you all for the next year and all that it will bring,

Clare x