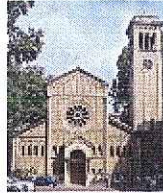


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**Appeal by Bishop Elisey of Sourozh
for the Cambridge Parish of St Ephraim the Syrian
of the Diocese of Sourozh**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Cambridge Parish of the Russian Orthodox Church in Great Britain and Ireland now has the opportunity of purchasing a church building for permanent services for the Parish of St. Ephraim the Syrian. This letter is my appeal to you to support the Church by giving generously to the collections for the purchase of the building.

In the past Cambridge has not had its own church building where the faithful can go to worship at appropriate times. This has been a problem for all the parish members in Cambridge and particularly for those who need to organise and carry out the services using a chapel that is only available for their use on occasions and has to be set up before – and dismantled after – services.

A property has come onto the market that is centrally placed, one mile from the centre of Cambridge, which could be converted into a Russian Orthodox Church. This property is large enough for us at this time, but will need renovation before it can become the permanent home for the Cambridge Parish.

The cost of the project to buy and renovate the property is likely to be in the region of £500,000, the expected sales price of the property being £295,000. We have a limited timeframe in order to raise the finance for this building and request that you respond to this appeal by giving generously and if possible, for those who pay United Kingdom income tax, that you give via Gift Aid so as to allow us to have your gift enhanced by a tax return to the charity.

Calling the blessing of the Lord,

+ **Bishop Elisey of Sourozh**