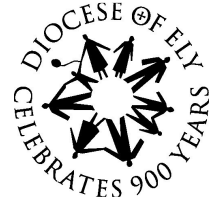


900 NEWS



From the Ely 900 Steering Group February 2008

Welcome to 900 News – the 1st in a series of bulletins to help every parish, PCC, deanery and chaplaincy build towards the Diocese of Ely's 900th anniversary in 2009.

Use 900 News, the website and toolkit to make 2009 a year of celebration and a springboard for mission in your area.

We hope you find this and future editions helpful. We would welcome your feedback and ideas along the way. Please contact Reverend Sue Wyatt, T: 01223 247451 E: sue.wyatt@ely.anglican.org

900 Logo in 3 colours



The logo guidelines for usage will be available to download from the Ely 900 website after Easter 2008.

GETTING STARTED

- Begin the work of prayer.
- Spread the word and raise awareness of the 900th anniversary at your PCC and in your area.
- Ask yourself what mission initiatives and celebrations could happen in your chaplaincy context, parish or deanery.
- Share your ideas with others.
- Read the Ely 900 Toolkit and start planning for mission and celebration.

START PRAYING FOR 2009

Pray for all mission initiatives and celebrations to take place both centrally and locally in 2009.

God of mission,
We are your church, Christ's body on earth,
Your holy people for your needy world.
In our thinking, give us wisdom,
In our planning, give us faith to move mountains,
In our action, give us the power of your Spirit
That all we do and think and say
May be for your glory
And for the growth of the kingdom of your Son,
Our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.



“Jesus Christ – the same yesterday, today and forever.” Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ came to give life to all generations. 2009 is a year to:

- Give thanks to God for his faithfulness and for the Christian witness of past generations.
- Play our part in passing on the faith to future generations.
- Build into the future with Mission Action Planning and mission initiatives.

2009 DIARY DATES

Diocesan wide CELEBRATIONS planned so far:



January - Launch Weekend

20 June - Etheldreda's Day
Diocesan Day of Celebration

10 July - Rave in the Nave Youth Event

July – Flower Festival at Ely Cathedral

19 September - Children's Event

October - Schools Days

November - 'Moving on from 2009' service

28 November - Cambridge University
Music Society Concert

LOOK OUT FOR MORE DATES BEING ADDED.

RESOURCES

The Ely 900 Toolkit

'Hope 08' book available from your local Christian bookshop. 'Bursting with great ideas and resources for mission.'

More materials on the way...

Ely 900 website – resources and ideas for marking the 900th anniversary of Ely Diocese.

- Liturgy Pack - to help you mark the 900 years in your church services during 2009.
- Merchandise – bookmarks, badges and candles.