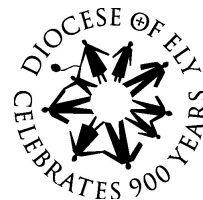


900 NEWS



From the Ely 900 Steering Group June 2008

Welcome to the 2nd edition of 900 News – a series of bulletins to help every parish, PCC, deanery and chaplaincy build towards the Diocese of Ely's 900th anniversary in 2009. Please photocopy this bulletin and distribute it widely in your community.

This edition is full of updates on Diocesan wide initiatives for 2009. Read on to discover how you can be part of making 2009 a year of celebration and a springboard for mission.

ELY 900 ONLINE

Visit the Diocese of Ely website to access and download the following Ely 900 material:

- The Ely 900 Toolkit which is full of practical advice for planning anniversary activities in 2009;
- The Ely 900 logo and guidelines for using it;
- All editions of 900 News;
- An article on Ely 900 from Archdeacons' News 2008 which you could use in your parish magazine and/or pew sheet;
- Media tips for preparing publicity and press releases for Ely 900 activities and initiatives.

www.ely.anglican.org/

ELY 900 LOGO

The Ely 900 logo simply identifies who we are and what we are celebrating. It has been designed to be modern and also to be a reminder of the Diocese's heritage and mission of the past 900 years.

Use the logo as widely as possible – on all publicity for events in 2009 and on all communications during 2009. The use of the logo will provide a visual sign of our working together.

It is easily downloadable from the Diocesan website in its three colours of black, red and blue. There are also some guidelines as to its use available on the Diocesan website.

Thanks go to Lisa Gifford for all her work in the design of the logo and the writing of the guidelines.



DIOCESAN ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE (DEC)

As part of the Board for Church in Society we aim to address environmental issues as a priority element of the work of the Church in contemporary circumstances. We encourage parishes and other structures in the Diocese to consider how best to address environmental issues in their own contexts.

Why does it matter?

God has created this world and called it 'very good'. However, there is also human sin, and one of its effects is damage to the creation. Many Christians believe that we are called to be good stewards in the household of creation.

Who's going to get involved?

We want everyone, in and out of church, to get involved; after all, we all share the same planet. For this to be effective at local church level, probably a group of people will need to take some responsibility and we hope that at least one person will become a link to our diocesan group so that we can keep in touch.

How are we going to do it?

As part of the Ely 900 celebrations the DEC will:

a) Provide at deanery level training events with a choice of optional 40 minute modules on:

1. Introductory framework
2. Climate change basics
3. Bible, theology and education
4. Prayer and worship
5. Evangelism and outreach
6. Churchyards and biodiversity
7. Personal lifestyles.
8. Campaigning

Participants will include the framework module and choose two other modules.

b) Encourage parishes to sign up to become Eco-Congregation churches during the anniversary year. This will require that they complete an audit and identify two things that they want to work at and that the PCC signs to say it wants to take the environment seriously.

c) Provide 'creation' liturgy for churches. This will include providing a framework, a skeleton service and the material to fit in it.

How to contact the committee:

The chairman is the Rev'd Nigel Cooper.
The Chaplaincy Office, Anglia Ruskin University,
East Road, Cambridge, CB1 1PT
0845 196 2398; nigel.cooper@anglia.ac.uk

Look at our material on the new diocesan website
www.ely.anglican.org/environment. There you will
find all sorts of other web-based resources.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND 11-19 MAY 2009

A trip to the Holy Land has been described as
being like "reading the fifth gospel". It certainly is
a great joy to walk in the steps of Jesus. An
exciting programme has been put together which
includes 4 nights in Jerusalem. We are hoping to
meet and have lunch with some Palestinian
Christians in Bethlehem – this was a highlight for
many who travelled with us in 2007. After a night
by the Dead Sea, we spend the final 3 days in
Galilee, based at Tiberias.

Bookings are already coming in and you will need
to move quickly to secure your place. Full
brochure is available by contacting The Revd
Malcolm Raby - mission@ely.anglican.org (Tel:
01954 230329) If you have any questions about
the trip, do contact Malcolm directly.

THE ETHELDREDA DAY PROCESSION - 20 JUNE 2009

Etheldreda day is not just an important occasion
in the life of Ely Cathedral. It is an important day
for the City of Ely, Ely Diocese and the whole
region. Had it not been for Etheldreda founding
her monastery here in 673, Ely would probably
have remained a small, fenland village. But
instead, Ely is a historic city with a magnificent
cathedral of world renown, centre of a diocese
that covers most of Cambridgeshire and West
Norfolk.

Hence at 11am on June 20th 2009, starting by the
river in Ely, we will be holding the 'Etheldreda
Procession'. As we walk up through Cherry Hill
we will re-enact the story of the Diocese,
beginning with Etheldreda, Saxon Queen &
founder of the monastery in Ely in 673AD, and
including such characters as Hereward the Wake,
Hervey, 1st Bishop of the Diocese in 1109,
Lancelot Andrewes and Oliver Cromwell. The
procession will last about an hour and end in the
Cathedral. It will be followed, for those who wish
to stay, by a Eucharist.

So, come and join the Bishop, local Mayors and
many other churches as we:

- Watch Etheldreda arrive by boat
- See Hereward the Wake defend Ely
against the Normans
- Meet Hervey, first Bishop of Ely in 1109
- Experience the turmoil of the Reformation
and Civil War
- Dress up in medieval costume and join
the action
- Bring our church banners to add to the
procession
- Enjoy a fun event for all the family

This is a great opportunity to invite those who
may not normally attend church to a fun event
which packs a real spiritual punch.

Would you like to be involved in the music or
drama? If so contact

Jan Payne (music)

J.Payne@cathedral.ely.anglican.org

or Jan Munt (drama)

J.Munt@cathedral.ely.anglican.org

All other details from

alan.hargrave@cathedral.ely.anglican.org

FAIRTRADE DIOCESE 2009

As we approach our 900th anniversary, what
better way to celebrate our heritage than to help
promote justice and freedom by becoming a
FAIRTRADE DIOCESE.

To become a fair-trade Diocese we need to:

- To support and promote Fairtrade,
encourage the use and sale of Fairtrade
products and serve only Fairtrade coffee
and tea at our meetings.
- Ensure that at least **half** of the churches
in the diocese HAVE become 'Fairtrade
Churches.'
- Encourage other local churches to adopt
Fairtrade policy.
- Display literature advertising the fact that
Fairtrade products are used and served.
- Attract media coverage and continue
raising awareness of the **FAIRTRADE**
Mark. Make reference to the Diocese's
Fairtrade status on our website.
- Set up a Fairtrade steering group to make
sure that goals continue to be met.

Last year's campaign against modern forms
of slavery brought us face to face with some
uncomfortable facts that we can no longer
ignore. It's impossible for me to pretend any
more that I didn't know. I **do** know.

- I know that children are used as slave labour to produce cocoa in the Ivory Coast.
- I know that when I get a real bargain in clothes the likelihood is that they were produced in sweatshops where people work in appalling conditions.
- I know that if I buy fairly traded goods those who produce them will get a fair price for their labour.
- I know that if enough of us do this the pressure will force big companies to tackle slave labour.
- I know that there are more slaves now than when Wilberforce's Bill went through parliament 200 years ago.
- I know that just a few people, facing massive opposition, changed the face of the world 200 years ago and that **we** can change it today

The Campaign to become a Fairtrade Diocese was launched at the Diocesan Synod on June 7th 2008. *Alan Hargrave*

For more information visit:

http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/includes/documents/cm_docs/2008/D/DioceseApplicationForm.doc

RAVE IN THE NAVE 2009

Preparations are already under way for an even bigger party at Rave in the Nave (RITN) 2009. For next year, the revelers will also be celebrating the 900th anniversary of the Diocese of Ely. In addition to the usual attractions, and a very special guest on the main stage to mark the anniversary, all of the Rave in the Nave (1-metre diameter) balloons dropping from the octagon roof onto the dance floor below will feature our 900th celebration logo, as will all of the youth department's events and publicity throughout 2009.

There will be a special 11-19's photograph competition running throughout the first half of 2009. Churches are invited to ask their young people aged 11-19 to photograph their local community and record something in their photos that challenge, excite, or for them, sum up how they feel about their local parish/community in 2009. They can submit their photograph with a 500 word summary that summarises their entry.

The competition will culminate with all photos being displayed in a special 900th anniversary display at RITN 2009. We are particularly looking for imaginative photos that reflect how the young people feel about society and or faith in the 21st century. Following the judging, the winning

church youth groups will be announced at RITN and the winning churches will be invited onto the stage to receive their fantastic prizes. Following the event, the best photos will be displayed on the diocesan website, in the diocesan office and in the cathedral to record 11-19's views of the diocese in its 900th year!

Contact: David Waters (Diocesan Youth Officer)
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www.ely.anglican.org/education/youth

THE 900TH CELEBRATIONS AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS

For 2009 the Education and Training Team will be producing a booklet of primary school assemblies which will contain an act of collective worship for each century of the life of the Diocese. The booklets will be distributed to all primary schools in Ely Diocese (not just church schools) and also be available on the Diocesan website at http://www.ely.anglican.org/education/schools/collective_worship/

In October 2009, four great days in the Cathedral have been planned for primary schools (6th, 7th, 14th, 15th October). These will be Music Festivals, and we have been promised a new Diocesan hymn for children which will form the focal point of the school's service of worship in the afternoon. In honour of the 900th Anniversary celebrations, we aim to have 900 people singing and celebrating together on each of the four days!

In preparation for the October Cathedral Days, during September schools will be producing displays on their parish – past, present and future. When these are finally all gathered together in the Cathedral, we shall have a snapshot of life in over 70 parishes of Ely Diocese, through the eyes of its children.

The display will be in the Cathedral for a short period, but we would also be interested in hearing of any other churches or venues which would like to host the materials. Eventually the displays will be returned to the participating schools, and we would like to encourage you to display the school's work in your church or church hall, so that it can be seen by your local community.

What can parishes do to support these initiatives? Here are some ideas:

- Encourage your local school to use the assembly materials when they are published, and arrange for members of

the church to join the school for collective worship.

- If there is someone in the parish who is prepared to lead an assembly in the school, you could offer to take an act of worship based on your own parish community.
- In September 2009, schools which are attending the Cathedral Days will want to talk and work with members of the local church on the contents of their display.
- Join your school when it comes to the Cathedral in October 2009.
- Display your school's work on the church where it can be appreciated and celebrated by your parish community.

If you want to find out more about any of these ideas for working with your local primary school, please contact Shirley Hall, Tel: 01353 652712
Email: shirley.hall@ely.anglican.org

VOCATIONS TEAM DIOCESAN YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO TAIZÉ

The Vocations team is a group of lay and ordained, men and women, who assist the Director of Ministry and Vocations in helping people explore their discipleship. The advisers spend time with each person, listening to how God is working in his/her life, and helping him/her to discern where that particular calling is leading them and advising what training opportunities are appropriate. This may be to lay or ordained ministry, full time or part-time.

Next year, as part of the Ely 900 activities, the Vocations Team is preparing a pilgrimage to Taizé. We plan to take a group of 16-25 year olds from around the diocese to this monastic community, for a week in August, to join in a range of bible studies, worship, fellowship and work for which Taizé is so well known. We hope that this pilgrimage will provide an amazing opportunity for young people to reflect on their own faith journey and be impassioned and equipped to take their Christian commitment further once they return to their home churches.

If you would like to know more, please get in touch with Ruth Adams or Alexandra Clarke:
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alexandra.clarke@ely.anglican.org

2009 DIARY DATES

Diocesan wide CELEBRATIONS

24 January - Launch Service, Ely Cathedral

28 March - History of the Diocese conference, West Rd, Cambridge (Cambridge Antiquarian Society)

28 March - Mothers' Union Lady Day Service

11-19 May - Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

20 June - St Etheldreda's Day Procession

21 June - Schools Education service

10 July - Rave in the Nave Youth Event

17-19 July – Flower Festival at Ely Cathedral

7 September - Ely/Cambridge walk

19 September - Children's Event

6, 7, 14 & 15 October - Schools Days

21 November - 'Moving on from 2009' service

28 November - Cambridge University Music Society Concert

ELY 900 MERCHANDISE

At a Cathedral service to launch the year of celebrations, each parish will be presented with gifts to help make 2009 a very special occasion.

- *Church Candles* – One for every place of worship in every parish/benefice and every Chaplaincy. For use at 'Ely 900' events and throughout 2009.
- *Bookmarks* – Specially designed for both children (glossy/laminated) and for adults (leather) and provided free of charge. The bookmarks will carry 'Ely 900' prayers and our logo. It is hoped that they will be an aid to study and a reminder to pray for all that is happening in 2009.
- *Lapel Badges* – Smart, distinctive and visible. Share the celebrations with others in you local communities and beyond! Visibly celebrate 900 years of Christian Witness and faith in our region!

IN ADDITION YOU CAN PURCHASE:

- *Ely 900 Commemorative Beer* – Entitled 'Three Crowns' after the diocesan crest, this distinctive beer will be available at a very reasonable price. It has been produced locally by the Cambridge Brewery and is a unique blend brewed especially for the 'Ely 900' celebrations.

We hope that you find 900 News 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