

LITTLE ST MARY'S MISSION ACTION PLAN: ELY 900 CELEBRATIONS  
**PARISH CENTRE DEVELOPMENT NEWS**  
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**Planning permission:**

*The Local Authority has granted planning permission*

**Faculty application:**

*Our plans have the support of the Diocesan Advisory Committee, and the application will be made in the near future*

**Fundraising:**

- The target is £325,000
- Currently in hand: £98,369  
(including £75,000 from Vicar and Churchwardens' Fund)
- Pledged in addition: £4,370

*Notes: (i) Gift Aid will increase these sums*

*(ii) some donors have agreed that 5% of their gift will go to charity*

*(iii) 9 members of the congregation have donated so far*

*Potential donors outside the present congregation are being approached, and work is in hand to identify and to make applications to likely grant-making bodies.*

**Fundraising events...(to give us ALL a chance to be involved!):**

An Events Committee has been set up under the chairmanship of Christine Tipple;  
*please contact her with ideas and offers of support!*  
*01223-350657: christinetipple@googlemail.com*

**Events arranged so far:**

- Sunday Bring-and-Buy sales: *please start setting aside appropriate items!*  
*Sunday October 18<sup>th</sup>*  
*Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup>*  
*Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup>                      all these after 10.30am High Mass*
- Powerpoint presentation on a walk to Santiago de Compostella  
*Saturday October 31<sup>st</sup> at 3pm, followed by Tea*  
*Tickets will be on sale from the beginning of October*

**Events to be arranged over the coming months:**

- Poetry evening
- Wine tasting

**and perhaps...** Auction of Promises, Ceilidh!

**FINALLY...DON'T MISS THE OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF FUNDRAISING ON**

***Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup> ...***

***The Rt Revd Dr David Thompson, Bishop of Huntingdon, will preach at High Mass***

***After Mass, there will be a presentation on the project by our Architect, and a short talk about our fundraising plans.***

