

## What are our next steps?

We are over half way to the funds we need, but more is needed to complete the project.

We will be making a second appeal for funds in the autumn. Please pray about how you might respond and play your part in transforming St Mary's for the future.

We hope to have full approval in principle from the church authorities by the end of 2019. We will then be holding a series of public meetings so that everyone who lives in the parish of Ely is informed and can have their say.

**Please pray that in 2020 we will raise the funds and get the permissions we need to enable work to start in 2021.**



**Donations** are always welcome. For information on how to give please contact Piers Coutts by email: [treasurer@stmarysely.org](mailto:treasurer@stmarysely.org)

Further details about the Building Transformation Project (BTP), with plans and video can be found on our website: [www.stmarysely.org](http://www.stmarysely.org)

St Mary's Church, Ely, CB7 4HF Reg. Charity No. 1133993



## NOW IS THE TIME!

Transforming our building  
to meet the needs of a  
growing church and city

## September 2019 update and next steps!



**Plans are progressing with Phase 1 of the transformation project which focusses on the church building.**

(Phase 2 will include changes to the office area and halls.)

Consultations are continuing with the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) and the relevant Amenity Societies.

The DAC agrees in principle with most of our proposals with regard to the internal layout of the church.

The DAC has formed a small working group to agree with us the design of the wall and doors which will partition off the vestry and storage area in the chancel. (The final design of the partition wall will vary from the picture below.)



We have accepted Historic England's recommendation that we retain three pews - each about 8ft long.



An audit of heating options has just been completed. The consultant is in favour of an underfloor heating system within the main worship spaces, supplemented by radiator/convector heating. We are considering the report, the options and opportunities it presents, which include how to minimise the environmental impact of what we do.

**Chairs**

A survey was conducted during June where congregation members were invited to test the seven chairs on display and choose their favourite for comfort and style.

The three top chairs are being considered by the Building Transformation Project steering group, bearing in mind cost, stackability, linkages, weight, book holders, etc. They will make recommendations to the PCC as to which is the preferred design.

The 3 most popular designs were:

Howe 40/4  
Chair A



LAMS  
Chair D



Canterbury Curvy  
Chair F

