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## A Letter from the Friends of St Nicholas Church

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### An Appeal to Help with our Major Refurbishment and Revitalisation Project

As you will have seen in the press recently, the plans for the refurbishment of St Nicholas Church have now received the formal permissions needed to go ahead. With tender documents being sent out this week, the church is now aiming for a start date in mid May.

Grants have been received from a number of trusts, with more applications pending, and the church family themselves have now pledged almost £90,000 towards the cost of the work. Together these now mean that around 80% of the money has been secured.

To help bridge the gap in funding, the Friends of St Nicholas Stevenage Trust is organising an **Auction of Promises** to be held on **Saturday 13th April**, as part of the Church's Easter Fun Day. We already have some notable lots, including a visit to the House of Commons with tea with our MP, a flight in a light aircraft, gym membership, piano lessons and a personal flower arranging course, to name but a few. But we are looking for more.

So I'm writing to ask if your business might be willing to donate an item for our auction to assist us in raising the funds to ensure this exciting and much needed project can proceed on time.

We will do our best to ensure wide publicity, and you'll have the satisfaction of helping to play your part in securing a brighter future for Stevenage's oldest building.

If you'd like to donate a lot for the auction, or you would like any further information, please do get in touch either with me or with the Rector, Rev Dave Brown. His contact details are as follows: Tel: 01438 2135897, email: [revdmbrown@gmail.com](mailto:revdmbrown@gmail.com).

We'd also be grateful if you could publicise this event amongst your friends and contacts and encourage them to come along and bid. The Fun Day will include an Easter Egg Hunt around the grounds, a Teddy Bear Zip Wire, lots of free games and art and craft activities for children and a full range of refreshments, including a bar-be-cue.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

*Peter Gordon*

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