

## Your Will Matters

For nearly 500 years the Church of England has encouraged people to make a will. Making a will and updating it regularly is the only way to ensure your wishes are carried out after your death, giving you peace of mind that you can continue to support the family, friends and causes you love.

We are God's stewards, entrusted to use His gifts for the good of our family and our church family. We should also take will writing seriously – setting our affairs in order, and stewarding them wisely to the end of our time on earth.



Once you have made provision for your loved ones, you have the opportunity to make a lasting gift to God, by leaving a legacy to His church.

# 3 Simple Steps

CHURCH LEGACY  
A lasting gift to your church

We encourage every adult church member to:

- 1) Make a will and review it regularly.
- 2) Consider leaving a gift to your parish.
- 3) Request a free information pack.

To request a **free information pack** or to find out how to leave a gift in your will please visit [www.churchlegacy.org.uk](http://www.churchlegacy.org.uk) or call the Church Legacy and Wills Information Line on 08445 870875.

You can also discuss gifts in wills in confidence with the Treasurer or Incumbent.



## How you can make a Lasting Gift to your Church

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## A Lasting Gift

A gift in your will can be an expression of your gratitude and thanksgiving towards God, and can help keep your local church alive, and transform its future.

No matter how large or small, every gift that is left to your local Church can make a lasting difference.



There are many ways you can help support the work of your parish with a gift in your will; for example, a gift in your will could support the church's ministry to young people, refurbish the kitchen, support an overseas mission partner, help to reorder the church or purchase new Bibles.

How might a gift in your will help us meet the needs of future generations?

*"LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you."*

(1 Chronicles 29)

## Your Church, Your Gift

As a Christian, and a member of your local church, many of us have been giving regularly to the mission and ministry of the parish. But, we are stewards of everything we own not just our income, and gifts in wills are a natural part of Christian giving.

Sometimes parish life can feel like an endless cycle of raising money to pay the bills. A gift in your will is different. The PCC have written a Legacy Policy confirming that, however large or small, they will use your gift to make a real difference in the parish.



Since needs change over the years, the PCC encourages gifts to be left for the general purposes of the parish. PCCs will often discuss with executors the most appropriate use of your gift in the light of current projects and your areas of interest in the church.



### Suggested wording for your will:

*"I give \_\_\_% of my residuary estate OR I give the sum of £\_\_\_\_\_ (pounds only) free of all taxes to the Parochial Church Council of the parish of \_\_\_\_\_ (registered charity number if applicable) in the Diocese of \_\_\_\_\_ for its general purposes, and I declare that the receipt of an officer of the Parochial Church Council shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors and trustees."*

We strongly advise you see a solicitor when writing or amending your will.

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