

# Your Will Matters

# CHURCH LEGACY

A Lasting Gift for Your Church

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.

## FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN MAKE A LASTING GIFT TO YOUR CHURCH



**Make a will and review it regularly**

**Consider leaving a gift to your parish**

**Request free legacy advice and materials**

**Find out more by emailing:  
[stewardship@winchester.anglican.org](mailto:stewardship@winchester.anglican.org)**

**Will writing is a way to take care of the practical aspects of your estate after you're gone, and an important act of stewardship enabling you to support those you love.**

## 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 gift to the church that will contribute towards the ongoing mission and ministry of the church is too small, because every penny helps us carry on the kingdom work that Jesus has set us into.”**

**Jim Findlay - Throop**

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, or 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 Christians and members of a 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 should be 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 should use a Legacy Policy confirming that however large or small, they will use your gift to make a real difference to the life of the parish.



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

**For more information concerning will writing and legacy giving please contact your Incumbent, Treasurer, or the Diocesan Stewardship team.**