Wills *and* Legacies





Making a Will

It is recommended that you use the services of a solicitor when making or amending a Will.

Leaving a Legacy

You can either leave a specific sum of money or a percentage of the residue of your estate after all claims against the estate have been paid. This percentage approach ensures that your gift keeps pace with inflation.

Legacies and Inheritance Tax

Leaving a gift to a charity such as your church or the diocese is exempt from tax and can reduce the Inheritance Tax payable on your estate. Your solicitor will be able to advise you.

Choices

You can leave a legacy to the church or diocese to be used where the need is greatest or you can earmark your gift for a particular ministry or project (e.g., church repairs; church planting; church rejuvenation; leadership training). Please let your solicitor know if you would like your legacy to be used for a specific purpose.

Letting us know

Our churches and the diocese find it helpful to be informed of any decisions you have made regarding leaving a legacy to either. You can do this by speaking to the Rector or Honorary Treasurer in your church or to a member of the diocesan team.

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INVEST IN

God's Kingdom



BY LEAVING A LEGACY
TO HIS CHURCH

God's Generosity

Psalm 24:1:

"The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and all who live in it".

Whether it is our health or our wealth; our manual dexterity or our intellectual capability; our talents with words or with music; our family or our friends; God has given us them all.

God's most amazing radical act of extravagant generosity was to give His only Son to die for us so that we may not only be saved from our sins but by grace be adopted into His family.

Our response

The bible teaches us how we should respond to God's extravagant generosity:

- *Give thanks to God (Col. 1:12)*
- *Give ourselves first to God (2 Cor. 8:15)*
- *Be rich to God and to others (Luke 12:21; 1 Tim. 6:18)*

God offers us the opportunity and privilege of participating in His mission in the world.

In a parable about himself, Jesus recounted a story about a nobleman who told his servants to "Put this money to work until I come back" (Luke 19:13).

By leaving a gift to God's church in our Will we can invest in God's Kingdom and put our money to work in achieving God's purposes after we are gone.



We have so much to be thankful for

The church's needs

Through your gift, you can support:

Parish ministry and outreach

- *Bible teaching*
- *Discipleship*
- *Pastoral care*
- *Compassion ministries*
- *Community outreach*
- *Property maintenance*

Training of leaders

- *Church leaders*
- *Outreach workers*
- *Ministry volunteers*

Pioneering work

- *Revitalisation of churches' ministries and outreach*
- *Church planting to reach communities with the gospel where there is little or no Christian witness*