

“... they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God’s will” 2 Corinthians 8:5

CONFIDENTIAL

I intend to remember the work of
St.Mary’s Church / St. Cuthbert’s Church
in my will by:



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The residue of my estate
(ie that which remains after I have given other
specific gifts to family and friends)

A percentage of my estate
(ie effectively an inflation-protected gift)

A specific sum of money
(ie a fixed amount)

An item of value or an investment
(ie whose value might later be realised)

**I would like more information about
making a will and leaving a legacy**

**I would like to talk in confidence to
the Legacy Officer about leaving a
gift to the Church in my will**

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ADDRESS -----

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What do I do next?

Making a will is a relatively straight forward process, and not very expensive.

If you want initial advice, you can talk in confidence with our legacy officer, who will help you get started and answer simple questions.

You will then need to think through broadly about your estate, your dependents, and the priorities you will have in disposing of your assets. There is a very useful free guidance sheet available on the web-site www.churchlegacy.org.uk for this, and further guidance on making a will. You will also have to consider who is appropriate to be your executor.

Then get the professional advice of a solicitor, who for a set fee will draw up the will for you. Fees typically range from £50-£100, although occasionally local solicitors do some wills for free for charity.

Finally, once your will is complete, it is recommended that you review it regularly (~every 5 years) to ensure it reflects your current priorities.



*“Godliness with contentment
is great gain;
for we brought nothing
into the world,
and we take nothing
out of it!”*

1 Timothy 6:6

Beyond your LIFETIME

A Short Guide to leaving a Legacy



*“A good man leaves an
inheritance for his
children’s children...”*

Proverbs 13:22



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“Everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from Your hand!” 1 Chronicles 29:14

Why make a will?

Making a will is not just a sound financial move, in that it can help reduce “death duties”; it also shows you care for you family and dependants, saving them the grief and delay that would otherwise ensue as the courts would have to decide what happens.

It is also a gospel opportunity! It shows you care enough about the work of your church, missions or charities to provide for them. And because there is no inheritance tax on gifts to charity, you can often be more generous when you die and no longer have to make ends meet.

Your gift might enable the church to furnish a youth centre, upgrade facilities in the church, add a member of staff or send a mission partner to work for Christ in another country.

More importantly, it is a biblical command that we are good stewards of that which God has provided. Even the Book of Common Prayer has a specific reminder to people to “settle their estates whilst they are in good health.” By grace,

sometimes, like Samson, we can do more in death than in life!



Making a difference

Over the years, Cheadle Parish has benefitted hugely from the generosity of people’s legacies. Sacrificial gifts enabled daughter churches to be built, the beauty of the church to be enhanced, Bibles provided, new staff supported and new ministries created.

LIVING WILLS

Sometimes during your lifetime circumstances change—you may leave home to live with your family or go into a rest home. At those times of transition, consider giving a property or proportion of possessions to the work of the Parish—gifts which will be exempt from any later inheritance tax, or Gift aided as appropriate.

LEGACIES

There are different ways to consider making a legacy at death. The best way to ensure your desires are followed is to see a solicitor to help you. Obviously primary consideration should be given to dependents and other family and friends, but charitable gifts may be specified either as a **RESIDUE**— giving whatever remains of an estate after specific gifts to family and friends; as a **PERCENTAGE** of an estate—which has the advantage of being inflation-proofed; or as a **SPECIFIC GIFT**, either financial, or of a valuable item or particular investment which may then be disposed of. Residue, percentage, items or investment gifts have the advantage of not being eroded by inflation.



Please return this form in a sealed envelope to:

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