

Making a will, leaving a gift

Making a will is usually simple and inexpensive independent advice. Your solicitor can give you independent expert advice about writing a new will or amending an existing will. It will help if you take time to prepare for your visit to your solicitor.

Your solicitor can also advise you on the different types of gifts you can leave in a will. You can give a fixed amount of money, known as a pecuniary gift, which can be index linked to inflation.

Dividing your estate into shares, known as a residuary gift, can ensure that your will continues to reflect your wishes and is in tune with the church's teaching on proportionate giving.

Moreover, a gift in your will is tax free and may reduce the overall tax payable by your estate.

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 _____ in the Diocese of Liverpool, and I declare that the receipt of an officer of the Parochial Church Council shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors and trustees."

3 Simple Steps

Your will matters because providing for your loved ones matters. Your gift counts because it will make a lasting difference to your church.

We encourage you to take three simple steps:

1. Consider leaving a gift in your will to your church
2. Ask for a little more information
3. Make, or update, a will using one of the services detailed below.

You can discuss gifts in wills in confidence with your Vicar or Parish Legacy Officer and request further information.

Make a FREE Will online with Farewill

Go to the official website: farewill.com/diocese-of-liverpool to create a will quickly and easily online.

Make a will in-person with support from a Solicitor

Visit a Solicitor or professional will-writer to make or update your will that details the type of gift you would like to leave.

CHURCH LEGACY

A lasting gift to your church

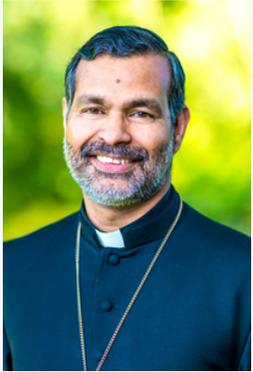


How you can make a lasting gift to your church



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Dear Friends



The Church of England relies on the generosity of our congregations and communities.

On behalf of the churches in our diocese I thank you most warmly for your regular giving and donations.

But you may be one of the many people who have not yet made a will or thought about leaving a gift in your will to your local church as a lasting gift in your memory.

Whatever age we are, an up to date will means we are prepared practically and spiritually. We can provide for those we love and protect them from any legal worries over our estate. Making a will is simple, inexpensive and important.

Can I invite you to also consider leaving a gift in your will to your church? I know from talking to people that such gifts make a lasting difference, caring for beautiful buildings, supporting activities and making new things possible. That would be your legacy. Thank you for considering this important matter.

With every blessing,
Rt Revd Dr John Perumbalath -
Bishop of Liverpool

Your Will Matters

A valid and up to date will gives you peace of mind because it ensures that your wishes are carried out after your death. It also protects and supports your family and friends, sparing your loved ones from stress and possible legal issues at a time of grief.

In short, your will matters because your loved ones matter.



That's why for nearly 500 years the Church of England has encouraged people to make a will. A valid and up to date will helps us set our affairs in order. It helps us steward wisely the gifts God has entrusted to us. A gift in our will can express our gratitude to God for the blessings of our life and be a natural part of our Christian giving.

Everyone, young or old, should have an up to date will. We recommend that you consult your solicitor, or professional will-writer, who can offer you expert independent advice.

Your Church, Your Gift



Once you have made provision in your will for your loved ones please consider a gift in your will to your church. This gift is your legacy, part of the inheritance each generation passes on to the next.

Large or small, a gift in your will makes a lasting difference to your church. Your gift could help with the cost of day to day ministry, develop work with young people, refurbish the kitchen facilities or maintain the church building among many other things.

Careful thought is given by the PCC to ensure that gifts in wills are well used and often churches discuss with executors the most appropriate use of a gift.

The PCC has a written Legacy Policy confirming that gifts in wills are used to make a lasting difference and, because needs change over time, encourages gifts to be left for the general purposes of the church.