

Lasting gifts to our church

A gift of £62,000 left to St Peter & St Paul's Parish Church indirectly enabled funding of the reordering undertaken in the 2004 Open Door project; the church now benefits from an additional interior porch, underfloor heating in some sections, a parish office, a counselling room, a large, well equipped kitchen and two large upper rooms including a kitchenette, and an inside WC with baby changing facilities. As well as making the building far more flexible for various church-run activities and functions, it has also meant that it is used much more by our local community for a broad range of events and activities.



We have also been able to employ a youth and children's worker and a children and families worker, following our commitment to reach out to young families and their children as part of our mission to be a community of all-age followers of Jesus. A future legacy could help us ensure this work continues and is further enhanced.



3 steps...

Three steps which we encourage every adult member of our church to take:

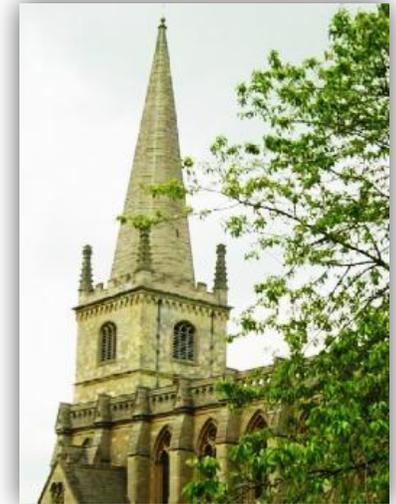
- 1) Make a will and review it regularly
- 2) Consider leaving a residuary gift in your will to our parish
 - Visit www.churchlegacy.org.uk for help with both of these steps
- 3) Get a free information pack about making a will and making a difference to the work of the wider Church
 - Phone 08445 870875 to order a free pack from the Church's Legacy & Wills Information Line

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How you can make a
lasting difference
to the work of
your Church





Our vision is to make Jesus known; it is as simple as that but also as difficult as that. We are called to present the unchanging Gospel to an ever-changing world which is becoming more and more secular. The challenges are huge but with God's help and yours, we can make a real difference.

This is an exciting time for us. Many wonderful things are taking root in all six churches of our benefice as they work alongside each other; in Buckingham we are witnessing the flourishing of our work amongst families and children and more and more people of all ages are worshipping with us regularly and gifts are being recognised and used.

To keep growing God's kingdom in Buckingham, we need people's gifts including their time and their money. A legacy in your will would be an incredible way to continue your support for our Church here in Buckingham.

The Rev'd Will Pearson-Gee – Rector

Your Will Matters

- Thinking about life after death should not be difficult for Christians! Make sure you are prepared practically as well as spiritually. Whatever your age, write a will and keep it up to date.
- Without a will, your loved ones could face a lot of trouble, work and expense after your death. Without a will, a court could decide how to distribute your goods and who should look after your children.
- Many Christians give regularly and proportionately from their income. Why not give proportionately from your estate too?
- A gift in your will helps our church to live out our dreams and mission in this community.
- It's a way to thank God for all the gifts of our lifetime, and to hand on undimmed the legacy we've received from past Christians (our building, our faith) to future generations.
- Leaving a gift in your will is tax efficient and can reduce the amount of inheritance tax due.



The Parish Legacy Policy

We welcome all legacies, however large or small, and we promise to use your gift to make a difference in our parish.



The policy of the PCC is to use legacies to help fund significant development projects in the parish, whether buildings, equipment or staff. Since circumstances change over the years, church members are encouraged to leave gifts in their wills for the general purposes of the parish. The PCC will therefore discuss with executors the most appropriate use of the gift in the light of current projects and the donor's known areas of interest in the church (e.g. children and youth, the elderly, music, buildings).



Suggested wording to leave a gift in your will:

"I give ___% of my residuary estate free of all taxes to the Parochial Church Council of the Parish of St Peter & St Paul's, Buckingham, registered charity number X68420, in the Diocese of Oxford for its general purposes, and I declare that the receipt of an officer of the Council shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors and trustees."

We strongly advise you to see an independent solicitor when writing or amending your will.