



MAKING AN ENDURING LEGACY

*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)

3 Steps

We encourage every adult church member to:

- 1** Make a will and renew it regularly
- 2** Consider leaving a gift to our parish
- 3** Request a free information pack

To request a free information pack, please visit
www.churchlegacy.org.uk

You can also speak to the Treasurer in confidence about gifts in wills. Please contact him via treasurer@stnicholas-sevenoaks.org

A lasting gift

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

Our Vision is to know Jesus and make Him known locally and globally. And so we prayerfully and lovingly proclaim Him in order to Reach, Nurture, Equip & Send for His glory.

A legacy will help us do so, and will make an impact on people's lives that has eternal significance.

Charity Number: 1332854

A note from Angus

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It has always been a great encouragement whenever someone has left a gift in his or her will to St Nicholas in the past.

It's their testimony to the faithfulness, goodness and generosity of God.

I want to encourage everyone in our church family, old and young to make a will, review it regularly, and consider the difference a gift in your will could make.

Thank you,

Angus MacLeay
Rector

Legacies

A gift in your will can be an expression of your gratitude and thanksgiving towards God and can help fulfill our vision and honour the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Wills – why make one:

- You choose what happens to your estate
- You can provide for unmarried partners, step children, and others who won't automatically inherit
- You can reduce inheritance tax
- You can make a gift to a charity

If you don't have a will ("intestacy")

- Estate of less than £250,000 – husband, wife or civil partners gets everything
- More than £250,000 – spouse gets the first £250,000, personal possessions and half what's left.
- The rest is divided among children.
- Unmarried partners and stepchildren get nothing at all

Inheritance tax is charged 40% on everything over £325,000 but the tax free threshold increases to £500k if a property is left to your children (if you are married you may be able to leave more than this before tax becomes payable). The tax rate reduces further to 36% if more than 10% of the estate is left to charity.

Our Legacy Policy

The policy of the PCC is to use gifts in wills to help fund significant development projects in the Parish. Since needs change over the years, we encourage church members to leave a gift in your will for the general purposes of the parish, rather than for a restricted purpose.

The PCC will 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, music, buildings).

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 St Nicholas Church, Sevenoaks in the Diocese of Rochester for its general purposes, and I declare that the receipt of an officer of the Parochial Church Council shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors and trustees."

It is sensible to see a solicitor when writing or amending your will.