

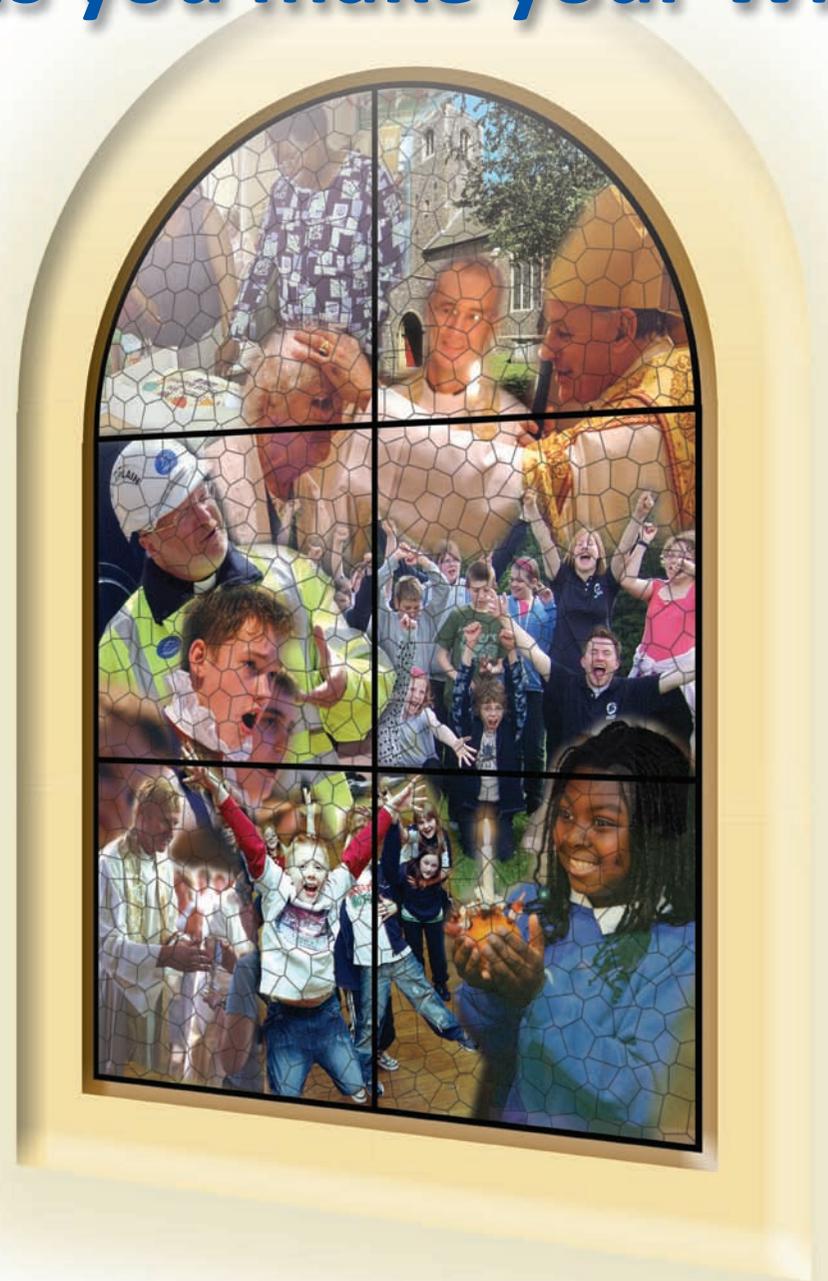
Help and Support as you make your Will



Remembering the Church in your will is a wonderful way both to thank God for the blessings you have received and to help the Church to meet the needs of future generations.



For more information call the Church
Legacy & Wills Information Line: 08445 870875
www.churchlegacy.org.uk



Making your will is simple!

1. Use the **'Preparing to visit your solicitor'** form in this pack to help you plan how you would like to divide your estate and other important decisions.
2. **Find a solicitor.** Ask friends for local recommendations or try searching on www.lawsociety.org.uk. A simple will should cost around £120 + VAT. If your affairs are complex, you should consider taking specialist tax or financial advice too.
3. **Make an appointment** to see your solicitor and take this pack with you. Your solicitor will write your will for you.

In this pack you can also find out more about the range of the Church of England's work locally, regionally and nationally, and about the new Church Legacy Service – a free service offered by the Church enabling you to support a number of churches and charities through one simple gift in your will.

6 common excuses for not making a will

People give many reasons for not making a will. Unfortunately, most are based on false assumptions!

"I'm too young to think about dying." Sadly, tragic accidents do happen. Do you really want everything you own to be distributed according to a fixed legal formula? It is particularly important to write or amend your will if you get married, and to appoint potential guardians when you have children.

"I don't have the time." Organising a will is straightforward and only takes a few hours of your time. It will save your family and friends much more time, trouble and expense after your death.

"It's too expensive to make a will." Straightforward wills cost around £120 + VAT from solicitors, and you can also take advantage of promotions such as Will Aid week. A proper will can save your loved ones a lot more expense after your death.

"Thinking about dying makes me uncomfortable." The old adage says "There are only two certainties in life – death and taxes!" If we care for those we love, we need to prepare for what is bound to happen at some unknown time in the future.

"I don't have anything to leave." But you probably do own a few treasured items that you would like to be passed on to specific relatives or friends. Without a will these items will be sold (probably very cheaply) and any money used to pay legal costs or distributed according to an official formula.

"My partner will get it all anyway." Not necessarily! In particular, partners who are not legally married may get nothing at all, and even married spouses and civil partners may not get everything.