

# Legacy Giving in Peterborough Diocese

# Everything Comes from God

Two passages from the Old Testament teach us that everything that we have is given to us by God.

In his old age, King David organised a huge collection to fund the building of the new temple by the next generation "Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you have already given us! We are here for only a moment, visitors and strangers in the land as our ancestors were before us. Our days on earth are like a shadow, gone so soon without a trace. O Lord our God, even these materials that we have gathered to build a temple to honour your holy name come from you! It all belongs to you!" 1 Chron 29, 14-16

Job said (1, 21) "I came naked from my mother's womb, and I will be stripped of everything when I die. The Lord gave me everything I had, and the Lord has taken it away. Praise the name of the Lord!"

# For over 500 years!



For nearly 500 years, the Church of England has encouraged its members to keep their wills up-to-date. The Book of Common Prayer instructs the clergy to visit those who are sick and remind them: *"And if he have not before disposed of his goods, let him then be admonished to make his Will, and to declare his debts, what he oweth, and what is owing unto him; for the better discharging of his conscience, and the quietness of his Executors. But men should often be put in remembrance to take order for the settling of their temporal estates, whilst they are in health."*

# Different ways of supporting the church

- Local Parish Church
- The Church at Diocesan Level including the Diocesan Mission Fund
- Nationally through The Church and Community Fund
- National Mission Agencies
- International Mission or Development Agencies

# Legacies make a real difference!

<b>Total Legacy Income to PCCs (£k)</b>						
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Peterborough	396	865	483	675	452	566
% Change YoY		118.4%	-44.2%	39.8%	-33.0%	25.2%
National % Change		-1.4%	10.8%	0.9%	5.2%	-11.3%
<b>Number of Legacies</b>						
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Peterborough	100	115	90	105	95	95
% Change YoY		15.0%	-21.7%	16.7%	-9.5%	0.0%
National % Change		-0.4%	-3.6%	-12.2%	2.8%	-4.6%
<b>Average Legacy Gift</b>						
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Peterborough	3,960	7,522	5,367	6,429	4,758	5,958
National	7,369	7,292	8,381	9,631	9,852	9,156

£360,000,000,000

# Common excuses for not making a will

1. “I’m too young to think about dying”
2. “I don’t have anything to leave”
3. “I don’t have the time”
4. “It’s too expensive to make a will”
5. “Thinking about dying makes me uncomfortable”
6. “I haven’t decide how to divide up my estate”
7. “My partner will get it all anyway”
8. “Everyone know what I want to happen”

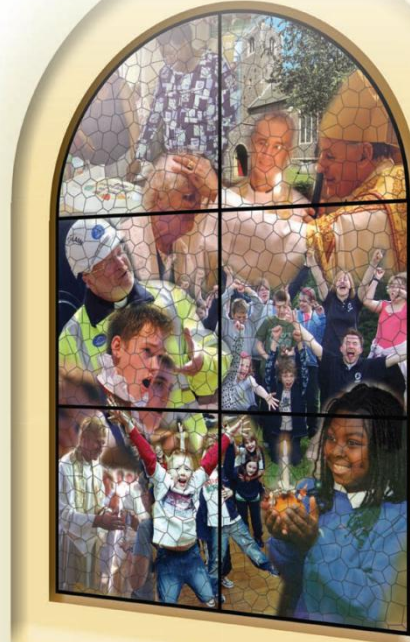
# What can we do?

- Encourage church members to make/review their wills
- Encourage them to make a gift to the Church
- Use leaflets
- Use magazine article
- Encourage your incumbent to preach about the subject
- Give them resources to help prepare for a visit to their solicitors



# What's available?

Help and Support  
as you make your Will



Giving for the future

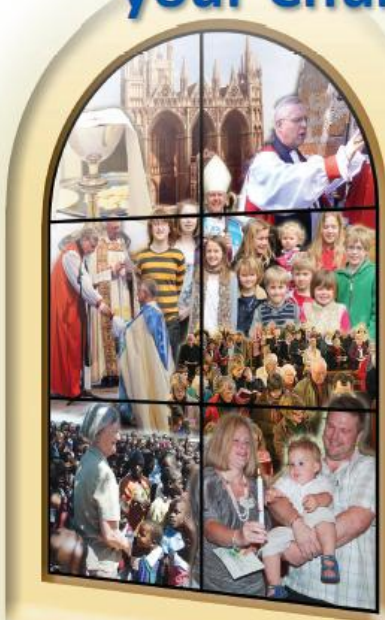
# What's available?

## A Simple Guide to Making Your Will



# What's available?

You can make a  
**lasting difference**  
to the work of  
**your Church**






Pick up a leaflet to find out how a gift in your Will can develop our mission and ministry or support our church building.  
For more information call the Church's Legacy Information Line on 08445 870875 or visit [www.churchlegacy.org.uk](http://www.churchlegacy.org.uk)


Giving for the future

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How you can make a  
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 THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
 For more information, call the Church Legacy and Wills Information Line on 08445 870875 or visit [www.churchlegacy.org.uk](http://www.churchlegacy.org.uk)  
 You can order a free pack from this Legacy Line including a simple guide to making a Will and ideas for different ways to support the Church with a gift in your Will.  
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First and foremost...	CODICIL
<div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;">  <div style="font-size: 0.8em;"> <p>Over 5,000 people each year leave gifts in their Wills to support the work of the Church. These gifts make a significant impact on our mission and ministry here in the Diocese of Peterborough. They help us to keep our clergy, maintain our parish churches, and invest in exciting new mission projects. For example the Café Connections project at Bozeat, where people can be introduced to Jesus over breakfast and the Sunday papers, or the Expect youth work intern programme, which places trainees in parishes to learn essential skills and work with young people in some of our most needy communities.</p> <p>This leaflet tells you more about the difference you could make simply by leaving a gift to your Church in your Will. Leaving something to the church when you die goes hand in hand with your regular giving: it is an important part of our Christian Stewardship.</p> <p>Making a Will and reviewing it regularly is good stewardship too. If you don't make a valid Will, your loved ones could face significant trouble and expense after your death, and a court will decide how to distribute your estate and who looks after your dependents.</p> <p>Making a Will and including a gift to your church can be simple to do and have a tremendous impact on the future life of our church.</p> <p>I would like to encourage you to read this leaflet and think seriously about acting on it.</p> </div> </div> <div style="margin-top: 10px; font-size: 0.8em;"> <p>To request a free guide to making a Will or for more information on different ways to leave gifts to the Church through your Will, phone the Church's Legacy &amp; Wills Information Line on 08445 870875 or visit <a href="http://www.churchlegacy.org.uk">www.churchlegacy.org.uk</a>.</p> </div>	<p>A codicil is the easiest way to include a straightforward gift to your church if you have already written your Will. Complete a codicil in the form below and sign and date it in front of 2 witnesses (who must not be a beneficiary or the spouse of a beneficiary). The witnesses should then each sign the codicil in your presence and in the presence of each other. Once completed, the codicil should be kept with your original Will. If in doubt, you should seek advice from a solicitor.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 0.8em;">CODICIL</p> <p>I, _____ (name) of _____ (address) declare this to be the _____ [1st/2nd/3rd etc] Codicil to my Will dated _____ (date). I give: _____ % of my residuary estate OR a gift of £ _____ (_____)</p> <p><i>[choose one of these options and delete the other. If choosing the latter option, insert amount in numbers then, in the brackets, in words] free of all taxes to the Parochial Church Council of the parish of _____ in the diocese of _____ 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. In all other respects I confirm my Will and any previous codicils thereto. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand on this _____ (date). Signature: _____ (the testator/wife).</i></p> <p>This codicil was signed by the above named person in our joint presence, and then by us in his/hers.</p> <p>Signature: _____ Name _____          Address: _____          Signature: _____ Name _____          Address: _____</p>

# What's available?

## Further help...

There is plenty of further help available.

There are two websites which aim to resource the Church in this area:

- [www.churchlegacy.org.uk](http://www.churchlegacy.org.uk) is aimed at individuals and seeks to guide them through the process of making a will and considering whether to leave a gift to the church. It also offers helpful information for solicitors.
- [www.parishresources.org.uk](http://www.parishresources.org.uk) provides resources for parishes – sample magazine articles, leaflets and so on.

The Church Legacy and Wills Information Line can be used by parishes and individuals to order packs of information but it is there to help much more broadly too. If a parish has received a legacy and has questions about what needs to be done, or if you are seeking to respond to a question asked by a parishioner, you can call the Legacy Line for help and advice on 08445 870875.

Your Diocesan Stewardship Adviser will also be able to help you plan your strategy, integrate legacies into the wider stewardship context, and provide other help and support.



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## A Short Guide to Encouraging Giving through Legacies



Practical steps for parishes

# Issues for your PCC

- Encourage your PCC to make a policy on how it will use legacies
- On receiving a legacy your PCC may need to seek its own legal advice

**For additional help and resources**

[www.churchlegacy.org.uk](http://www.churchlegacy.org.uk)