

**For All Saints to be  
a living church in the 21st Century**



**YOUR  
LEGACY  
WILL  
HELP**

# What is a legacy?

A legacy to a charity such as the Church is a means of leaving it a proportion of your assets after you have died.

Legacies can be of three types, as your solicitor will explain:

- † a residuary legacy leaves the remaining share of your estate after other provisions
- † a pecuniary legacy leaves a fixed sum of money
- † a specific legacy leaves particular items of property

Everyone should consider leaving a legacy - it is not just for those we think are 'rich'. Even with present values of property and furniture, and after including insurance policies which mature at death, you will be amazed at the size of the estate which many people leave.

**In order to leave a legacy you must have a valid Will.**

## Why should I leave a legacy to All Saints?

Christians are called to give generously during their lifetime as a response to God's love. Legacies are a means of expressing generosity at a level which may not have been possible earlier in life.

A legacy can be:

- † a way for a member of the Christian family to give a tithe back to God
- † a recognition by a Christian that, as well as the natural family, the family of God also looks to them for support
- † a thanksgiving for centuries of worship in All Saints
- † for the preservation of All Saints for future generations to use
- † for the continuance of All Saints as a centre of community life in Winterton.

## **Why should I make a Will?**

Today nearly everyone will have assets to leave, in the form of a house, car, insurance, savings and the like.

Where there is no valid Will the Intestacy Rules apply. This means that when an estate is over a certain value, other relatives have an entitlement as well as the spouse. If there are no relatives the estate goes to the crown - in other words 'the government'.

If you make a Will you can ensure your assets are disposed of according to your wishes.

### **Without a Will you cannot leave a legacy to a charity.**

If your estate is above the threshold level for inheritance tax it is better to leave money to a charity since such legacies are exempt from this tax. Even a person of modest 'cash wealth' who is a house owner may be above the threshold for inheritance tax.

## **How do I make or amend my Will?**

If you have already made a Will you should keep it up to date. A new Will can be made at any time. It is easy to add a charitable legacy to your existing Will by asking your solicitor about adding a short codicil.

Home-made Wills can be tricky - it is all too easy to make a mistake which leads to problems. It is far better to make your Will properly with the help of your solicitor. This ensures your Will reflects your wishes.

Remember to take a brief list of the things that you own [assets] when you visit your solicitor. Think about your intentions before you go. This will save both time and cost.

**You are strongly advised to seek the help of your solicitor when you make or change your will**

## To whom should I leave a legacy?

Winterton PCC [The Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Winterton] will find an unconditional legacy very useful. The PCC can then decide how best to use it for the Church. Alternatively you may wish to leave it for a specific purpose such as the Repairs Fund.

The following form of words has been legally approved and is shown here as an aid to your thinking.

*I give absolutely to Winterton PCC [the Parochial Church Council of All Saints, Winterton, in the Diocese of Lincoln], the sum of [XXX pounds] [£ XXX] and I declare that the receipt of the person holding the position of Honorary Treasurer to the said Council for the time being shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my Executors/Trustees for the payment of the same.*

If you wish to consider leaving legacies to other Church of England organisations and societies, you will find a list displayed within All Saints Church.

### **Further Information can be obtained from:**

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For information about All Saints' Church, Winterton, and its ministry see the church website at: <http://lincoln.ourchurchweb.org.uk/winterton/>