

Legacy

Leaving a Legacy to our Church

We are most grateful to those members of our parish who support us with regular gifts of money and/or time. The day to day running of our parish, yet alone what we achieve by way of outreach, relies totally on your generosity.

We have all benefitted enormously from those parishioners who have left a legacy or share of their estate to the parish; without such generosity many of the improvements, which we all enjoy, such as the recent extension to the Good Shepherd complex, the Emmaus Chapel and the renovation of the Old School Room would have been very difficult, if not impossible, to achieve.

The present economic climate is beginning to put a strain on our regular covenanted and collection income. This is, of course, the case with all charities and, like them, we would like parishioners to prayerfully consider whether they could review their Wills to include a gift to our parish. Any such gift is inheritance tax efficient since it is deducted before tax is paid. In order to properly maintain our existing properties and also to grow in line with our parish vision, we will need to rely more heavily on legacy income than before. Unlike many parishes we do not have any large historical endowments.

Statistically many people do not have wills or, if they have made them, have not reviewed them for many years. Is it not part of our Christian responsibility, indeed our responsibility to our children and families, to ensure that we have up-to-date wills? This would apply as much to those in their 30s with young children (with the necessity of appointing guardians and having proper trusts should they die while their children are young) as it does to those who have retired who may have less disposable income but a good deal of capital tied up in their properties.

If you need any help please contact Charles Gibson (01483 225317) from our stewardship team who would be happy to discuss this further with you. Within our church community we have several professionals who would be willing to assist you, in entire confidence, either to prepare your Will or update an existing one.

We would urge all parishioners to give this their Christian and prayerful consideration.

Yours sincerely

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On behalf of the Stewardship Committee

