

What is a Charitable Legacy?

It is a means of leaving to the Church or charities a proportion of your assets after you have died. It will go to reduce any inheritance tax payable.

There are three types of charitable legacies as your solicitor will explain:

A 'residuary legacy' leaves a share of your estate after payment of all debts, taxes, etc. It is expressed as a percentage or fraction of your net estate so that it will increase or decrease with the value of your estate

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'.

Why should I leave a legacy to the Parish?

Out of gratitude to God!

We are called to give generously during our 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 final earthly act of Christian stewardship.

How do I make or amend my will?

If you have already made a will, you will need to keep it up to date as you get older: and a new will can be made at any time. More simply you can add charitable legacies to your will by seeing your solicitor about a short codicil.

When you visit your solicitor remember to make a brief list of your assets to take with you. Think about your intentions before you go – this will save both time and costs. Make sure you have the names and addresses accurately written down for the legacies you wish to include in your will.

Specimen wordings

A percentage of your estate to the parish:

"I give xx% of my residuary estate free of all taxes and duties to the Parochial Church Council of St. Anne's, Kew, charity number 1129136, in the Diocese of Southwark, for the general purposes of the Council and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper Officer of the Council shall be sufficient discharge to my Trustees."

A gift of money to the parish:

"I give to the Parochial Church Council of St. Anne's, Kew, charity number 1129136, the sum of £xx free of all taxes and duties for the general purposes of the Council and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper Officer of the Council shall be sufficient discharge to my Trustees."



A legacy is both an act of thanksgiving to God and of witness to family and friends.

Christians are able to prepare positively for death. This should extend to material things.

Every legacy helps



If you require further information please contact the following:

The **Vicar** or the **Churchwardens** via the **Parish Office**

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