

Our Legacy Policy

The Parochial Church Council's (PCC) policy is to use legacy gifts to fund development projects inside our church buildings and wider parish. This could be building maintenance and improvements, purchasing new equipment, or investing in people.

It is a great help if legacy gifts are left for general purposes, and not for a specific appeal or project which may have ended by the time you have died. The PCC can discuss with the executors of your Will how your gifts can be utilised at that time. This can be a wonderful experience, as both parties can discuss areas of the church's work that interest you. For example, this could be music, buildings and facilities, or children's work.

Connect with us

There are great things happening across the Parish of St Peter's so please do have a look at our website or social media platforms to explore what next chapter your Legacy could go to support.

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GIFT











Your Legacy

Leaving a gift in your Will is an amazing opportunity to make a final gift to God. This will make a lasting difference to the future of St Peter's, and its ministry and mission in our local community.

No matter how big or small, every gift in every Will can make a significant impact.

Gifts in Wills are an important part of Christian giving, and leaving a gift to your church is a way to thank God for all the blessings you have received in your lifetime.

Legacy gifts can be used to fund mission and ministry projects, help to maintain church buildings, and ensure faithful people can be at the heart of this community for years to come. Parishes in the Church of England benefit from over 5,000 people each year who have decided to leave a gift in their Wills. This means over £50 million in legacy gifts is left to the church each year.

At St Peter's, we welcome all legacy gifts and promise to use them to make a difference.

Made a Will already?

It is a simple process to make an amendment to an existing Will to leave a legacy to your church. This is done via a Codicil (an amendment document) to your existing Will at no cost.

If your Will is more complicated, please make sure you consult a solicitor to ensure your wishes are recorded accurately.

If you wish to speak to a representative from St Peter's in greater detail about this in confidence, please contact either the Wardens or Clergy.



Need to write a Will?

We strongly advise you to seek professional advice and to see a solicitor when making or revising your Will.

A standard Will costs around £199 + VAT, and the Solicitor should outline the cost upfront before you visit them. You may find a local solicitor from *solicitors.lawsociety.org.uk*



How to leave a Legacy Gift

You can write your Will for free online.

Will writing can often seem like a time consuming and expensive thing to do – and that's a big reason why many people put it off. The Church of England has partnered with award-winning online Will-writing company Farewill to offer a free online Will writing service (RRP £90). You can write your will from the comfort of your home in less than 30 minutes.

Making a Will and keeping it updated is the only way to make sure your wishes are carried out after your death, giving you peace of mind that you can continue to support the family, friends, and charities you love.



If you live in England or Wales, you can create your free online Will by scanning the QR code to the left.