## CHURCH LEGACY A lasting gift to your church

## Legacy Policy – St Peter's Halliwell

At St Peter's Parish, including the sister churches at St Andrew's, Smithills and Barrow Bridge we welcome gifts in wills, however large or small, and we promise to use your gift to make a difference in our parish.

Our Parochial Church Council ("PCC") Legacy Policy is to use gifts in wills to help fund development projects across the Parish. Since needs change over the years, we encourage you to leave a gift in your will for the general purposes of the parish rather than for a restricted purpose. This would allow the Parochial Church Council to prayerfully use a legacy gift, or part of the gift, for a particular project to further mission and ministry as considered appropriate at a particular time.

Any gifts left for a specific purpose will be dealt with under guidance published by the Fundraising Regulator.

You can be confident that your gift will be used to make a real difference to the life mission and ministry of St Peter's Parish and the wider community which we serve as a Parish.

We will take account of your known areas of interest in the church (e.g. music, buildings, children and youth, overseas mission or aid) and the church's priorities at the time.

If the PCC is unable to use a legacy gift for a particular purpose, as stipulated in your will, the PCC will contact the executors of the donor's will before accepting the legacy gift.

We will acknowledge receipt of a legacy payment by formal confirmation of receipt issued by a duly authorised officer of the PCC. We will ensure that all gifts remain anonymous unless expressly informed of any specific requirements for public recognition or where disclosure is required by statute.

If you would like to talk to someone in confidence about the sorts of purposes your gift might fund, and how/if you would like your gift to be recognised, please contact the Wardens or Rev Alan Saunders.

