

HOW TO LEAVE A GIFT

You can leave a gift by either of the following ways...

1 *Including a gift in your will*

When your will is written, you can identify Christ Church as an organisation – perhaps amongst others – to which you would wish to leave a gift. Such a gift might be worded as follows:
*I give to the **Parochial Council Of Christ Church West Wimbledon, 2 Cottenham Park Road, Wimbledon, London SW20 0RZ** (Registered Charity No. 1145463) the sum of £..... or% of my residual estate for the general purposes of the said Church.*

2 *Completing a Codicil form*

A codicil adds the details of the gift to your existing will. This can be done at any time and just like a will itself, becomes a legal document when signed in the presence of two witnesses, outside your family.

REMEMBER

It is always wise to consult a solicitor when writing or making changes to your will. He/she will understand your financial situation and your wishes, and the obligations which you have, and enable you to phrase your will both in the most tax-efficient way and to ensure that your wishes are fully achieved.

In particular, while you may wish to identify a purpose to which your gift may be put, it is wise for the clause to be worded so that Christ Church may use its judgement in fulfilling your wishes.



FURTHER INFORMATION

Please feel free to speak us confidence. You may also like to plan your funeral service to ensure that your wishes regarding readings, music etc are as you wish them. We are very willing to meet with you and help you plan. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Leaving a gift in your will to CHRIST CHURCH WEST WIMBLEDON

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If you are thinking about making or revising your will, do please consider leaving a gift to Christ Church. Christ Church is a beautiful place of worship with a fine past, and we want to ensure that it can move confidently into the future. Christ Church is also a vibrant community with many active groups and commitments. There is always much to do to enhance it.

Above all, Christ Church is the centre of a much wider community in West Wimbledon and gifts left to Christ Church will enable it to pursue outreach and help the whole community and Parish of West Wimbledon.

However, Christ Church is almost entirely dependent on its parishioners for the maintenance of the building and all that goes with it. Gifts that it receives are enormously valuable in helping Christ Church to fulfil its mission.



HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL TO CHRIST CHURCH?

Perhaps you have been coming to Christ Church for some time. Perhaps it has become an important part of your life. Perhaps you have valued being a member of its community. Do, please, think of Christ Church when drawing up your will. Christ Church will always recognize, in appropriate ways, bequests that are left to the Church.

DO YOU HAVE A WILL?

A surprising proportion of people haven't made a will. Whether or not you decide to leave a legacy to Christ Church, we encourage you to draw up a will. This is especially important to protect your partner and/or children if you are not married under UK Law.

TYPES OF GIFTS YOU CAN LEAVE

There are three types of gifts you can leave:

- **Residuary** This is a gift of a percentage of an estate, following the distribution of specific gifts and payments of any debts and expenses. For example, you might wish to leave 5% of your residual estate to Christ Church.
- **Pecuniary** This is a gift of money or shares.
- **Specific** This is a gift of an asset, such as a musical instrument, a work of art, or an item of jewellery.

INHERITANCE TAX

This is currently charged at 40% of the value of your estate above the basic threshold, which depends on your circumstances. For many, who do not have a surviving spouse, this threshold is £325,000.

The value of any gifts to charities are exempt from tax liabilities. If at least 10% of your estate is left to charities, then the top rate of Inheritance Tax on the rest of your estate is reduced from 40% to 36%.

Christ Church is a registered charity, No. 1145463. As such, any gift to Christ Church is tax free, and may reduce the tax burden on your estate.

HOW WE USE LEGACIES

We use legacies to fund particular projects – these are capital projects. We promise not to use them for ongoing expenses such as salaries or meeting everyday bills.

In the past, bequests have enabled Christ Church to refurbish areas of the Church, such as the Truman Room, and –

with the Ron Christy legacy – to revamp the kitchen area. More recently we have been remembered in wills of parishioners who have worshipped at Christ Church and those gifts have helped fund the new lighting, the heating system and the altar frontals and hangings.

Other major projects include the stonework repairs, where we have had to spend £60,000 on urgent repairs to our stonework and church tower. Then there is the redecoration of the church and the planned refurbishment of the church hall.

You are very welcome to identify a particular purpose to which your gift might be put. Perhaps it might reflect an interest of yours such as music – maintaining the organ or funding organ scholarships. There are a host of smaller but still vital purposes that legacies can help realise. All gifts are very gratefully received and acknowledged.

