

A LEGACY

A Lasting Gift to St Bartholomew's and St Chad's



When we make our will, in addition to making provision for our beneficiaries, we have the opportunity to leave what is known as a legacy (ie. a gift from your estate) to an individual charity such as ourselves here at St Bartholomew's and St Chad's. The Church of England are setting out to try to encourage churches like ours to highlight this issue in a bid to increase the income that individual parishes receive from their congregations.

The latest available figures show that the top five UK charities receive an average of 55% of their total income from legacies. In comparison, there is a large difference between them and the total of the individual parishes of the Church of England who together receive less than 10%.

Here at St Bartholomew's and St Chad's, the majority of our regular income goes towards our Parish Share (paying for clergy and Diocesan Support for our ministry), to our staff, to expenditure on utility bills (heat, light, general and water rates) plus insurances, repairs and maintenance.

A gift from your estate is different. At St Bartholomew's and St Chad's you can be confident that your gift will be used to make a real difference to our future mission and ministry. You will notice that promise in our own legacy policy, which you can find printed overleaf and which was approved by the PCC in July 2015.

If you would like to discuss the issue of leaving a legacy, then please don't hesitate to contact one of our Church Wardens. You do not of course specifically need to speak to anyone before putting a legacy in your will - we are neither checking up on you nor budgeting for it!

So, we would love you to consider leaving a gift to St Bartholomew's and St Chad's through your will as it will help secure the future of God's ministry here in Thurstaston and Irby. Please do think about it, pray about it, talk about it, find out more about it - and then please act on it!

Thank you.

St. Bartholomew's and St Chad's Legacy Policy

At St Bartholomew's and St Chad's, we welcome all gifts in Wills, however large or small, and we promise to use your gift to make a difference in our parish. Our PCC legacy policy is to use gifts to help fund significant development projects, whether buildings, equipment or ministry.

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. We will discuss possible uses of your gift with your family/executors when the time comes, bearing in mind 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.

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We will acknowledge gifts in a way that the donor and/or his/her family/executors feel is appropriate. Equally, we can make sure that gifts remain anonymous if the donor prefers.

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 acknowledged, please contact one of our Church Wardens or our Vicar.

If you would like to make a gift to our church in memoriam, please come and discuss this with us too. It can be a wonderful and appropriate way to remember a loved one.

Thank You.

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