

St Mary Church, Kippington

How you can make a lasting Gift to your Church

Dear friends, it has always been a great encouragement whenever someone has left a gift in his or her Will to our Church in the past. It's their testimony to the faithfulness, goodness and generosity of God and their thankfulness for the life of the Church of St Mary, serving the parish of Kippington.

I want to encourage everyone in our church family, old and young, to make a Will, review it regularly and consider the difference a gift in your Will could make.

Thank you, Rev Mark Bridgen
Team Rector West Sevenoaks Team Ministry
Team Vicar with special responsibility for St Mary's Church, Kippington.

Your Parish, Your Gift

Many people give regularly to the mission and ministry of the parish. We are stewards of everything we own, not just our income. A gift in a Will is also a natural part of that giving. Such gifts are a valuable and lasting way to invigorate the life of St Mary and transform its future.

A gift in your Will can be an expression of your gratitude and thanksgiving towards God, and can help keep your local church alive, and transform its future.

The PCC have written a Legacy Policy (which can be found below) confirming that they will use your gift wisely for the benefit of our church and parish.

Our Legacy Policy

The Parochial Church Council of St Mary welcomes gifts in Wills, however large or small, and we promise to use your gift to make a difference in our parish.

Our legacy policy is to use legacy gifts to fund significant development projects - whether buildings, mission or equipment. Since needs change over the years, we encourage you to leave a gift in your Will, if possible for the general purposes of the parish, rather than for a restricted purpose.

We will always discuss possible uses of your gift with Executors when the time comes, bearing in mind your known areas of interest in the church (e.g. music, buildings, children, youth, overseas, mission or aid) and the priorities of the church at the time. You can be confident that your gift will make a real difference to our future ministry.

Suggested wording for your Will:

"I give _____ % of my residuary estate OR I give the sum of £_____ (pounds only) free of all taxes to the Parochial Church Council of the parish of St Mary's Church, Kippington in the Diocese of Rochester for its general purposes and, I

declare that the receipt of an officer of the Parochial Church Council shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors and trustees”.

We strongly advise you see a solicitor when writing or amending your Will.

Three Simple Steps

We encourage every adult church member to:

- 1) Make a Will and review it regularly;
- 2) Consider leaving a gift to our parish; and
- 3) Request a free information pack from The Church of England Legacy Information website - www.churchlegacy.org.uk.

You can also speak to the Treasurer of St Mary Kippington in confidence about gifts in Wills. Please contact him via the Rector or Churchwardens.

A Lasting Gift

We welcome all gifts in Wills, however large or small, and we promise to use your gift to make a difference in our parish.

Thank you