

Making a will

For nearly 500 years the Church of England has encouraged people to make a will. Making a will and updating it regularly is the only way to ensure your wishes are carried out after your death, giving you peace of mind that you can continue to support the family, friends and causes you love.

We are God's stewards, entrusted to use His gifts for the good of our family, our church family and His Kingdom. Writing a will is a part of our service to God as, in doing so, we set our affairs in order and steward them wisely.

"Yours Lord is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you and of your own do we give you."

(1 Chronicles 29:11&16)

We would be so thankful if, after you've looked after your family and friends, you would consider leaving a gift in your Will to the Church. This would also be part of your worship to God.

The Church of England has partnered with [Farewill](https://farewill.com), to offer a free online will writing service. Here is a link if you are interested in finding out more [Farewill.com](https://farewill.com). The following link will help you set up a will for free, <https://farewill.com/cofe-web>.

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Making your will is simple!

We encourage every adult church member to:

- 1. Make a will and update it regularly**
- 2. Consider leaving a gift to your parish**
- 3. Find further information about legacies at the following link**
<https://www.churchofengland.org/faiith-life/church-legacy>

If you would like to speak to someone about legacies, please contact:

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St Mary's Church Chipping Norton



Church Legacy

How you can make a lasting gift to our Church



Mission and Vision

At St Mary's, we identify our God-given purpose as:

***LIVING IN GOD'S LOVE
&
LIVING OUT GOD'S LOVE***

as we share the life-changing love of Jesus, serving our whole community.

A gift in your will can be an expression of your gratitude and thanksgiving towards God and can help turn this vision into a reality.

No matter how large or small, every gift that is left to St. Mary's can make a lasting difference.

Our Legacy Policy

Any legacies we receive are used in line with the donor's wishes. For example, you can specify that your gift goes towards helping our **Youth work** to flourish, or is used to reach the most vulnerable in our society as part of our **Outreach work**.



For gifts given with no specific instructions, the PCC will discuss with the executors the most appropriate use of the gift in the light of current projects and the donor's known interests (e.g. **children** and **youth, music, buildings...**)

Your Will

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, Chipping Norton (UK Registered Charity 1132070) in the Diocese of Oxford, 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.