

## Making a will, leaving a gift

Making a will and updating it regularly is the only way to ensure that your wishes are carried out after your death so that you can support the family, friends and causes that you love.

### 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 Leonard's Wollaton (Charity 1134834) in the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham, and I declare that the receipt of an officer of the Parochial Church Council shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors and trustees."*

If you have already made your will, you can still leave a gift to St Leonards.

Please discuss adding a "Codicil" with your solicitor.

## 3 Simple Steps

### We encourage you to take three simple steps:

1. Consider leaving a gift in your will to our church
2. Find more information at [churchofengland.org/legacy-giving](http://churchofengland.org/legacy-giving)
3. Make, or update, a will using one of the services detailed below.

You can discuss gifts in wills in confidence with our Treasurer or a member of the Clergy.

### Write a FREE will online with Farewill

Go to the official website: [farewill.com/cofe-web](http://farewill.com/cofe-web) to create a will quickly and easily online.



### Make a will in-person with support from a solicitor

Visit a solicitor or professional will-writer to make or update your will that details the type of gift you would like to leave.

## CHURCH LEGACY



How you can make a lasting gift to St Leonard's Church

## Your Will Matters

Thank you for considering leaving a gift in your will to St Leonard's Church. Over the years many former parishioners have left a lasting contribution to the Church which has enabled us to preserve what is really special about the Church and to plan for the future with confidence. This gift is your legacy, part of the inheritance each generation passes on to the next.

At St Leonards legacies continue to make a huge difference to our Church life. The employment of our Children and families minister for the past 3 years was only possible through such generosity. Significant repairs to our beautiful building were also funded this way.



## Your Parish, Your Gift



**We hope you'll consider leaving a gift to your church to help its ministry and mission thrive for the benefit of future generations.**

Needs change over time so as a PCC we encourage gifts to be left for the general purposes of the Church to allow us the maximum flexibility to respond to needs as they arise. However, if you would prefer you can indicate which area of Church life you would like the money to be spent on.

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Making a will is usually simple and it's good to get professional advice. A solicitor can give you independent expert advice about writing a new will or amending an existing will, and how to ensure your wishes are carried out.

Your solicitor can also advise you on the different types of gifts you can leave in a will. You can give a fixed amount of money, known as a pecuniary gift, which can be index linked to inflation.

Dividing your estate into shares, known as a residuary gift, can ensure that your will continues to reflect your wishes and is in tune with the church's teaching on proportionate giving.

Moreover, a charitable gift in your will is tax free and may reduce the overall tax payable by your estate.