

# LEAVING WITHERSLACK CHURCH A GIFT

## IN YOUR WILL



This leaflet provides some basic information on ways in which you can make a gift to St Paul's Church in your Will, whether for a specific purpose or generally, to further its work.

We recommend that you consult a solicitor about the appropriate wording for your Will, whether or not you decide to include in it a gift for the Church.

## THINKING ABOUT YOUR WILL

None of us likes to contemplate our own death, but arranging your Will now will help to reduce uncertainty for your loved ones later.

Whatever your age or circumstances, making a Will is important because it is the only way you can be sure your wishes will be respected and that all the people and organisations you care about will be remembered.

## BEQUESTS TO ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Amounts left in Wills, whether to individuals or charities, are usually called 'bequests' and, for St Paul's Church, they have historically been a small but much-valued source of funds.

Some bequests have been given for the upkeep of specific graves in the churchyard, others to support those training for the Ministry, or for maintaining the fabric of the Church. Whatever the nature of a bequest to St Paul's it can, at present, be given free of Inheritance Tax and can reduce the total amount of this tax payable on your estate.

## HOW TO GO ABOUT MAKING YOUR WILL

- i. Make a list of your significant possessions (referred to as your ‘estate’);
- ii. Decide who you want to benefit ... individuals and/or organisations;
- iii. Decide what sort of bequests to leave ... see suggested wording below to discuss with a solicitor;
- iv. If you wish to discuss any proposed bequest to St Paul’s in confidence, please feel free to contact the Priest-in-charge:  
Rev. Michael Woodcock  
The Vicarage,  
Crosthwaite,  
Kendal,  
Cumbria.  
LA8 8HX  
015395 68276  
email: mich@elwoodcock.com
- v. Finally, arrange to see a solicitor to draw up your Will.

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## SUGGESTED WORDING

Here is some *suggested* wording if you want to make a bequest to St Paul’s:

### **Pecuniary Bequest (of a specific sum):**

“I give the sum of £. .... free of tax to St Paul’s Church, Witherslack, Cumbria, for any use authorised by its Parochial Church Council. I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer of the Parochial Church Council shall be a sufficient discharge for my Executor”.

### **Residuary Bequest (of the balance of your estate):**

“I give the whole of my real and personal property not hereby or by any codicil hereto specifically disposed of after payment of my debts, pecuniary bequests, funeral and administrative expenses and any taxes in respect of my estate to, St Paul’s Church, Witherslack, Cumbria, for any use authorised by its Parochial Church Council. I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer of the Parochial Church Council shall be a sufficient discharge for my Executor”.

In the ancient tradition of tithing, it is also possible to leave a proportion/percentage of your estate to St Paul’s Church. Your solicitor can advise on the wording for this.

### **Specific Bequest (for example, of shares):**

“I give (*short description of property given*) free of tax to St Paul’s Church, Witherslack, Cumbria, for any use authorised by its Parochial Church Council. I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer of the Parochial Church Council shall be a sufficient discharge for my Executor”.

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