



#### SUGGESTED WORDING TO INCLUDE IN A WILL

**"I give the sum of £ \_\_\_\_ free of all taxes to the Parochial Church Council of the parish of St Peter and All Saints, Nottingham, (registered charity number 1130298) in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham, 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."**

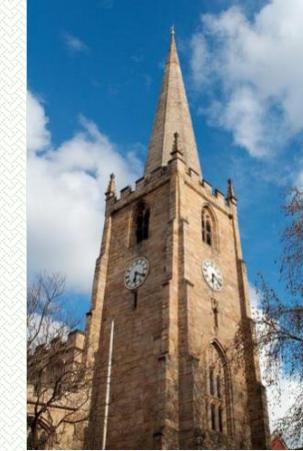
*We strongly advise you to see a solicitor when writing or amending your Will.*

#### THREE IMPORTANT STEPS

We encourage every adult church member to:

- (1) Think about how we would like our assets to be used after our death
- (2) Make a Will and review it regularly
- (3) Consider leaving a gift to the parish

**The Parish of  
St Peter and All Saints  
Nottingham**



## Leaving a Legacy to your Church



#### PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

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*"Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house"*

*(Psalm 26 v 8)*

## MAKING YOUR WILL

If you haven't yet made a Will, you are encouraged to do so, as part of your stewardship of resources and as an expression of love to those who remain. A simple Will does not need to be a major expense. However it is a legal document and so it is wise to have expert advice – e.g. a solicitor or a specialist Will-writing service. Useful guidance and contacts can be found online in [www.churchlegacy.org.uk](http://www.churchlegacy.org.uk).

### THREE PREPARATION STEPS BEFORE SEEING YOUR SOLICITOR:

- (1) Document and approximately value all of your assets, and what you owe or are owed.
- (2) Decide who you would like to give to – your beneficiaries.
- (3) Consider who you want to implement your Will after your death – your executors.

Your beneficiaries may include individuals – e.g. family and loved ones, but also organisations and causes close to your heart. If you would like to include the parish as a beneficiary, some suggested wording is provided below.

After making a Will, store a copy where your executors can find it. It is wise to review your Will from time to time; circumstances (both your own and those of your beneficiaries) and your wishes can change.

## GIVING TO GOD THROUGH THE CHURCH

Many people in their Wills choose to leave a gift to enhance the mission and ministry of their church. As well as giving to God during our lifetimes, legacies enable us to extend our giving into the future and to provide enduring benefits for future generations.

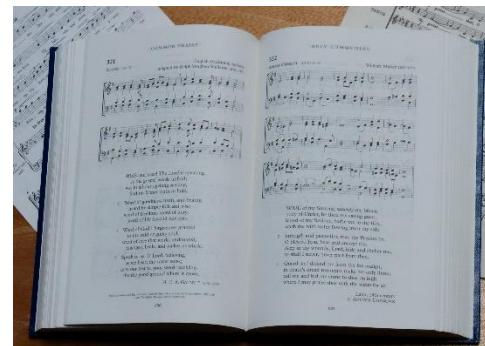
*"All things come from you, and of your own do we give you." (1 Chronicles 29 v14)*

Some people apply the Old Testament "tithing" principle (giving 10%) to their income in life and some also in their Wills. Not all can. Our congregations are as diverse in our financial circumstances as we are in so many other ways. Some of us may be able to give more after our death than during our lives.

*"Each should choose how much to give on their own initiative, not reluctantly or under duress, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9 v7)*

### MAKING A LASTING DIFFERENCE IN THE PARISH

This parish welcomes all legacies, great and small, and uses them on specific meaningful projects, not to pay routine bills. Previous legacies have been used in areas as varied as new hymn books, redecorating a ceiling, a cupboard for children's toys and books, churchyard and garden improvements, choir music, bell fund etc.



**It is best not to be too specific about particular church projects in your Will as needs and opportunities within the parish change.** We always endeavour to use legacies in accordance with the ethos of the parish and the known interests of the donor, where appropriate consulting executors. If you would like to discuss how your gift could be used, please contact a member of the clergy or the parish treasurer.