

# 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. We have been fortunate to receive such generous gifts in the past.

For example, the Gordon Facer Room, used for a wide range of activities at All Saints', was made possible by a legacy from Gordon Facer and  
St Nicholas' has a splendid piano thanks to a legacy from our former Rector, Revd Neil Collings.



## 3 Simple Steps

We encourage every adult church member to:

- 1) Make a will and review it regularly
- 2) Consider leaving a gift to your Parish
- 3) Request a free information pack



If you wish to speak to someone about legacies or to make a gift to your Parish in memoriam, please contact our Parish Legacy Advisor, Henry Loweth on 01582 715051

Parish of  
Harpenden



How you can make a  
Lasting Gift to our  
Parish

## Dear Friend

**The Lord loves a cheerful giver.'**



'It is important for everyone in our church family, old and young, to make a Will, and review it regularly. As you do so I hope you will remember your local church by leaving a legacy gift.'

We are a unique parish with three churches. Our mission statement is *'to build connections, encourage belonging, and share an appealing faith that grows a vibrant Christian community at every stage of life'*.

Your legacy gift will enable us to keep our mission and ministry alive and vibrant and secure our future presence and witness in the parish. Thank you for considering leaving a legacy gift to the Parish of Harpenden.

*May God bless you*

**The Revd. Canon Dr Dennis Stamps**

*"LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you."*

## Your Parish, Your Gift

As Christians and members of our local church, many of us have been giving regularly to the mission and ministry of the parish. But we are stewards of everything we own, not just our income, and gifts in wills are a natural part of Christian giving.

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



In the Parish of Harpenden we welcome all gifts in Wills and the PCC has agreed a Legacy Policy confirming that, however large or small, your gift will be used to make a real difference in our Parish.

## Our Legacy Policy

Our policy is to use gifts to help fund significant development projects, whether buildings, equipment, staff or other specific initiatives. As needs and circumstances can change over the years, we encourage you to leave a gift in your Will that is unrestricted, i.e. for the general purposes of the parish. Where requested, we will then discuss possible uses of your gift with your executors, bearing in mind your known areas of interest. You can be confident that your gift will be used to make a real difference to our future mission and ministry, either across the whole Parish or particularly in All Saints', St Mary's or St Nicholas' District, as appropriate.

### **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 Harpenden (UK Registered  
Charity No 1130793) in the Diocese of St  
Albans, and I declare that the receipt of an  
officer of the Parochial Church Council shall  
be a sufficient discharge to my executors*

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