

Making a will, leaving a gift

Making a will is usually simple and inexpensive independent advice. Your solicitor can give you independent expert advice about writing a new will or amending an existing will. It will help if you take time to prepare for your visit to your solicitor.

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

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 Herne Hill in the Diocese of Southwark, and I declare that the receipt of an officer of the Parochial Church Council shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors and trustees."

3 Simple Steps

Your will matters because providing for your loved ones matters. Your gift counts because it will make a lasting difference to your church.

We encourage you to take three simple steps:

1. Consider leaving a gift in your will to our church
2. Ask for a little more information
3. Make, or update, a will using one of the services detailed below.

You can discuss gifts in wills in confidence with a member of our clergy or our treasurer and request further information.

Make a FREE Will online with Farewill

Go to the official website:
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

A lasting gift to your church



How you can make a lasting gift to The Parish of Herne Hill



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Dear Friends



A letter from our vicar Ben Goodyear

We are grateful for all the ways people give generously in the parish.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 says

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Please prayerfully consider sowing generously for future generations to know and experience Jesus and his transforming love in Herne Hill.

With every blessing,

Ben Goodyear
Vicar

Your Will Matters

A valid and up to date will gives you peace of mind because it ensures that your wishes are carried out after your death. It also protects and supports your family and friends, sparing your loved ones from stress and possible legal issues at a time of grief.

In short, your will matters because your loved ones matter.



That's why for nearly 500 years the Church of England has encouraged people to make a will. A valid and up to date will helps us set our affairs in order. It helps us steward wisely the gifts God has entrusted to us. A gift in our will can express our gratitude to God for the blessings of our life and be a natural part of our Christian giving.

Everyone, young or old, should have an up to date will. We recommend that you consult your solicitor, or professional will-writer, who can offer you expert independent advice.

Your Church, Your Gift



Once you have made provision in your will for your loved ones please consider a gift in your will to your church. This gift is your legacy, part of the inheritance each generation passes on to the next.

Large or small, a gift in your will makes a lasting difference to your church. Your gift could help with the cost of day to day ministry, develop work with young people, develop or maintain the church building among many other things.

Careful thought is given by the PCC to ensure that gifts in wills are well used and often churches discuss with executors the most appropriate use of a gift.

The PCC has a written Legacy Policy confirming that gifts in wills are used to make a lasting difference and, because needs change over time, encourages gifts to be left for the general purposes of the church.