

Become a benefactor



The Church's Future

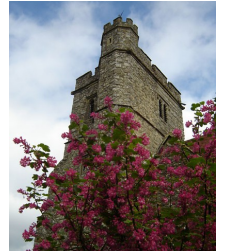
Have you ever thought of how our beautiful church has managed to thrive for so many years? Over the centuries it has been expanded, repaired, improved, modernised, bells added, electricity connected, heating installed and much more.

Each generation of Christians have provided for the future by giving both their skills and money. Despite wars, plagues, depressions and many other difficult times our church has prospered and we should give thanks that our forbearers considered it their duty to provide for the future.

“THE BENEFACTORS”

Right now you can become a BENEFACTOR of the future

church. Not by giving your time or money now but by just letting the treasurer know that you intend to leave St Mary's Church, Kennington a gift in your will. Your legacy will help to provide Christian values—a vital inheritance for our children and grandchildren. There is no need to inform us of how much you intend to give, as this may change, but by becoming a Benefactor, you will be joining a group of people who have for many generations provided a church for those yet to come



Every little Helps

Will You ?

For almost 500 years the Church of England has been encouraging people to make a will. When Archbishop Thomas Cranmer wrote the first English prayer Book he reminded parishioners to keep their wills up to date for their peace of mind.

Yet today almost 50% of all adults in the UK have not made a will! Making a simple will should not be expensive. It is probably safer to seek professional advice, rather than DIY but whichever route you take it is important that you make a will. If you don't make

a will your possessions are divided under a complex formula. Partners and children do not necessarily automatically get all of the estate, and unrelated friends get nothing.

Purchased from the legacy of Elizabeth Hills



Last Words

- “Either the wallpaper goes or I do” - Oscar Wilde
- “I have spent a lot of time searching through the bible for loopholes” - W C Fields
- “Die, my dear doctor, that's the last thing I shall do” - Lord Palmerston



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***"To proclaim the good news
of the gospel of Jesus Christ
To all the people of
Kennington
By word and action."***

Are you a Trendsetter?

During recent years there has been a significant increase in charitable gifts left in wills. In 1991 65,000 legacies were given to charities; by 2001 over 84,000 legacies were received and 2011 should see over 100,000. Why not be part of this growing trend and leave a gift to the church and other charities you support when you write or amend your will?

Planning your last words is a difficult thing to do, but you can, and should, express your final wishes by making a will. This ensures you can make appropriate arrangements for your family. You can also remember your church family, or other charities. Our final words are not always spoken!

Paul said: "Yet true religion with contentment is great wealth. After all, we didn't bring anything with us when we came into the world, and we certainly cannot carry anything with us when we die." *1 Tim 6, 6.*

Need some help ? Don't know where to start! Frightened of "gobbledygook" lawyer speak!

I can't give legal advice, as I am not qualified to do so, but I will gladly share my experience with you on how I set about writing my will and why and when I have revised it.

Mike Wharrad
Treasurer

Imagine !

Imagine a church that is full, a church where the different age ranges abundantly cover all the generations including the under twenty-fives. **Imagine** young people who are enthusiastic and committed in their Christian faith, committed to living out what they believe and sharing it with the lost generation that they live amongst. **Imagine** a church where young people come not just to receive but also to help run the church. A church where every aspect of ministry is shared across a range of ages from the youngest to the oldest. **Imagine** a church that meets in a school, where hundreds of children come from a tough local estate – because they want to!

This isn't a dream. Youth ministry like this is happening across the diocese – but it could happen more. Many mature folk long to see the



church they love preserved for the

next generation. You can help do this even if you know nothing about youth and children's ministry, simply by leaving some money, not for the building, but for what Jesus called the 'living stones'! Make the best investment you could in the future of the church – its next generation of believers, indeed many of whom are believers now! Within this Diocese there are people who know *how* to run youth and children's work well but it does cost – both in terms of time and *money*.

For more information on wills and leaving a gift to the Church, visit www.churchlegacy.org.uk, or request a pack by e-mailing info@churchlegacy.org.uk or ringing the Church's national legacy helpline on 08445 870875