

Lasting gifts to our church

A gift of £25,000 left to St John the Baptist church funded part of the reordering; the church now is much brighter and more comfortable, with heating and a kitchen and toilet. This means it is used much more by the community for events and for a range of both traditional and more modern services.



We would love to employ a youth and children's worker, following our commitment to reach out to young families and their children as part of our mission to be a community of all-age followers of Jesus. A future legacy could help us do this.



3 steps...

Three steps that we encourage every adult member of our churches to take:

- 1) Make a will and review it regularly
- 2) Consider leaving a residuary gift in your will to our parish
 - Visit www.churchlegacy.org.uk for help with both of these steps
- 3) Get a free information pack about making a will and making a difference to the work of the wider Church
 - Phone 08445 870875 to order a free pack from the Church's Legacy & Wills Information Line

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How you can make
a **lasting difference**
to the work of
your Church



Parish of the Itchen Valley



Our Vision Statement is founded upon the belief that 'The church is called to present the unchanging Gospel to an ever-changing world. We are on a journey with God empowered by the Holy Spirit to encourage and

equip others to journey with us in the discovery of faith and love.'

This is an exciting time for us. Many wonderful things are taking root in all four churches of our parish as they work closely together; we are witnessing the flourishing of 'The Ark' for children, more people of all ages worshipping with us regularly and gifts and callings being empowered.

To keep growing God's kingdom in the Itchen Valley, we need people's time and money. A legacy in your will would be a splendid way to continue your generosity to our living, developing church.

The Revd Andrew Micklefield – Rector



Your Will Matters

- Thinking about life after death should not be difficult for Christians! Make sure you are prepared practically as well as spiritually. Whatever your age, write a will and keep it up to date.
- Without a will, your loved ones could face a lot of trouble, work and expense after your death. Without a will, a court could decide how to distribute your goods and who should look after your children.
- Many Christians give regularly and proportionately from their income. Why not give proportionately from your estate too?
- A gift in your will helps our church to live out our dreams and mission in this community.
- It's a way to thank God for all the gifts of our lifetime, and to hand on undimmed the legacy we've received from past Christians (our building, our faith) to future generations.
- Leaving a gift in your will is tax efficient and can reduce the amount of inheritance tax you pay.



The Parish Legacy Policy

We welcome all legacies, however large or small, and we promise to use your gift to make a difference in our parish.



The policy of the PCC is to use legacies to help fund significant development projects in the parish, whether buildings, equipment or staff. Since circumstances change over the years, church members are encouraged to leave gifts in their wills for the general purposes of the parish. The PCC will therefore discuss with executors the most appropriate use of the gift in the light of current projects and the donor's known areas of interest in the church (e.g. children and youth, music, buildings).



Suggested wording to leave a gift in your will:

"I give ___% of my residuary estate free of all taxes to the Parochial Church Council of the Parish of the Itchen Valley, registered charity number 1133110, in the diocese of Winchester for its general purposes, and I declare that the receipt of an officer of the Council shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors and trustees."

We strongly advise you to see an independent solicitor when writing or amending your will.