

## A lasting gift to our church

## 3 steps...



St John's, Lockerley received a legacy of £1,000 which enabled us to do some repair work to the organ and buy music for the choir.



Legacies totalling nearly £20,000 were used to repair St Peter's Church in West Tytherley and keep it open for the community.



A legacy of £2,000 would cover the cost of a parish's work with children for a whole year.

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 one of our parishes
  - Visit [www.churchlegacy.org.uk](http://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

You can also speak to Derek Needham, our Benefice Treasurer and Giving Officer, in confidence about legacies at any time; phone him on 01794 340606 or email [derek\\_n\\_1999@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:derek_n_1999@yahoo.co.uk)



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



United Benefice of Lockerley, East Dean, East Tytherley and West Tytherley



I want to encourage everyone in our church family, old and young, to make a will, review it regularly and consider leaving a gift to your local church through your will.

Many of us give a proportion of our income to support our church

every week. But we are stewards of everything we own, not just our income. As Christians, we should consider giving a proportion of all that we have to support the mission of our church too.

Writing a will helps secure the future of the people you love. Leaving a gift in your will helps secure our church's future.

Think about it; pray about it; talk about it; find out more about it - and then please act upon it!

Thank you

**The Revd James Pitkin – Vicar**

“Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendour, for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

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.”

*(1 Chronicles 29)*

## 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.

### Could this be you?

“I have included a gift to the church in my will because I love the idea of



helping to preserve our church's future. I want to make sure my grandchildren's grandchildren can go to Sunday School here, just as I did all those years ago!”

## The Benefice Legacy Policy

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



The policy of the PCC is to use legacies to help fund significant development projects in the parish, whether buildings, equipment or staff. Church members are encouraged to leave gifts in their wills for the general purposes of the parish; as circumstances change over the years, it may not be possible to fulfil specific donor requests.

The PCC will 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... \* 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.”

*\*St Peter's, West Tytherley; St John's, Lockerley; St Peter's, East Tytherley; or, St Winifred's, East Dean*

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