

## Lasting gifts to our church

Gifts can enable lasting legacies which can make significant improvements to our church, helping to secure its future as a well used and cared for building.



A gift enabled us to start our LED lighting project with new lights in the nave. This means that worshippers and community hirers can adapt the lighting to their specific needs.

Another gift funded the family hub area giving a welcoming and colourful space for children and their families to use.



A further gift funded pew cushions throughout the Abbey, enabling worshippers, concert goers and anyone who sits in the Abbey to have a more comfortable experience.

## 3 steps...

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

1. Make a will and review it regularly.
2. Consider leaving a residuary gift in your will to our parish.
3. Seek information about making a will by visiting [www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org) and selecting *Faith & Life* followed by *A Lasting Gift to Your Church*.

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



## Pershore Abbey

We 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 Abbey Church of the Holy Cross  
Persore, PCC**

**"Your, 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 work and expense after your death, and a court may have to decide how your property is divided and who cares for your children.
- Many Christians give regularly and proportionately from their incomes. 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 life and faith - and to hand them on to future generations.
- Leaving a gift in your will can reduce the amount of inheritance tax payable.



## Your Gift

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

PCCs generally use legacies to help fund significant developments projects in the parish, whether buildings, equipment or staff. Since needs change over the years, you are encouraged to leave a gift for the general purposes of the parish. PCCs will often discuss with executors the most appropriate use of the gift in the light of current projects and your areas of interest in the church (eg children and youth, music, buildings). Ask for our parish legacy policy to find out more.

### **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 Abbey Church of the Holy Cross Persore (*Registered Charity No 1133566*) in the Diocese of Worcester for its general purposes, and I declare that the receipt of an office of the Council shall be sufficient discharge to my executors and trustees."

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