

National Churches Trust

How to leave a gift in your Will

"In the old days the churches used to worry about saving us. Now we have to worry about saving them. I am delighted that the National Churches Trust will be taking on the task for the future."

Ian Hislop, writer & broadcaster

How to make a start

Your will provides your opportunity to decide who you would like to receive your assets and possessions after you have gone. In order to write a will we suggest you contact a local solicitor who can draw up your will and ensure that there will be no complications.

The Law Society's website can help you to locate a solicitor in your area if you need help:
www.lawsociety.org.uk

Before you visit the solicitor

Before your meeting it is a good idea to list your assets and any liabilities. For example: bank accounts, property, insurance policies, specific items of value and any debts, mortgages or loans you may have.

You also need to decide who you would like to be your Executor. This is the person that ensures that your wishes are carried out properly. You could appoint a family member, friend or your solicitor, and it does not matter if the Executor benefits from a gift in your will.

Types of gift (or bequest)

There are two main ways of leaving gifts in your will:

Pecuniary gifts: These are a straightforward cash gift of a specific amount of money. If you would like to leave a pecuniary gift to the National Churches Trust you may find this wording helpful:

"I give to the National Churches Trust of 7 Tufton Street, London, SW1P 3QB, registered charity number 1119845 the sum of £....."

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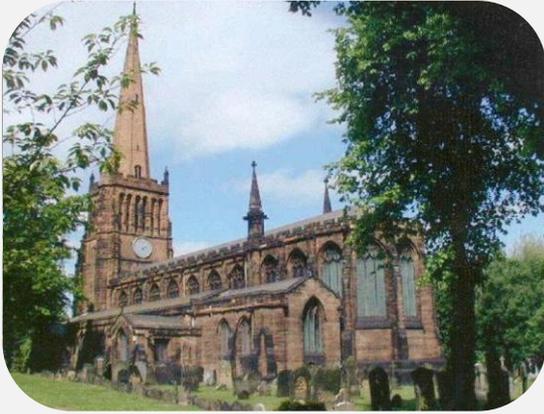


St Luke's Church
Rossington, South Yorkshire
Grade II Listed

Our supporters enabled us to award a £10,000 grant to this 1915 church built by the South Yorkshire Coalfields Committee whose aim was to provide for the spiritual needs of the colliers.

St Luke's is the only such building that remains unchanged.

Our grant helped this historic building to repair their roof, windows, brickwork and rainwater goods allowing the church to be used once again.



St Peter & St Paul's Church
Aston, Birmingham
Grade II* Listed

This is the iconic structure that one passes on the M6 on entering Birmingham City and is one of only two churches in Birmingham to be recorded in the Domesday survey of 1086.

A £20,000 grant was awarded to help this much-loved building fix its roof, and repair damage caused by rainwater.

A residuary legacy: This is a percentage sum of your estate, so after all individual gifts have been allocated the remainder of your assets can be divided up on this basis. The benefit of residuary legacies is that the value is not affected by inflation as there is no fixed sum. As the value of your estate increases, so will the value of your legacy. If this is what you would like to do the following wording might be helpful:

"I give all (or a% share) of the residue of my estate to the National Churches Trust of 7 Tufton Street, London, SW1P 3QB, registered charity number 1119845."

Changing your will

If you have already made your will and wish to change any part of it you need to add a codicil; a form that is added into your will and reflects any changes to your circumstances.

If you need a codicil, there is one on our website for you to print out and complete, or contact us and we will send you a copy:
www.nationalchurchestrust.org/legacy

I've decided I would like to leave you a gift – what now?

If you have decided to support us in your will, we would be grateful if you could let us know. Not only does this allow us to thank you in your lifetime but it helps us to plan our work with confidence.

As a small charity we like to connect with our supporters, and would be delighted to invite you to see our work in action on exclusive church tours and special events.

Please contact Claire Walker in confidence and with no obligation on claire.walker@nationalchurchestrust.org or 020 7222 0605.

"Without the help of the National Churches Trust our project may not have happened and the building, the only public building left in the village, would have had to close. Following earlier closures of the school and pub the damage to village morale would have been very serious."

*Church Warden
St Mary, Clopton, Suffolk*

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