



# How to leave a gift to the National Churches Trust 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](http://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.



**St Andrew's Church  
Castle Combe, Wiltshire  
Grade I Listed**

This picture-perfect church sits at the heart of the village. It has thirteenth century origins, and is noted for its fifteenth century elegant tower.

A £10,000 Community Grant was awarded to help this much-loved church build community facilities.

*"The grant from the National Churches Trust helped us considerably. Now we can look forward to the future success and growth of St Andrew's church. Thank you."*

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## 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 the following wording helpful:

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

**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."



**St John the Evangelist  
Upper Norwood, London  
Grade II\* Listed**

The wonderfully vaulted roof and soaring gothic spaces of St John's were designed by John Loughborough Pearson, a matchless setting for a famous Lewis pipe organ.

Suffering from subsidence, a £40,000 Cornerstone Grant was awarded to secure the foundations of this magnificent building.

*"The National Churches Trust will literally stop us falling over and allow us to continue as a place of inspiring worship in service of the wider community."*

## 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 you can contact us and we will send you a copy: [www.nationalchurchestrust.org/legacy](http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/legacy)

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

If you have decided to support us, 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 **020 7222 0605** or [claire.walker@nationalchurchestrust.org](mailto:claire.walker@nationalchurchestrust.org).

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