

# making or changing my will

**A will ensures that the plans you have for those who are important to you are carried out after your death.**

If you have already made a will, you need to keep it up to date as you get older. A new will can be made at any time. It may be easier to add charitable legacies to your existing will by seeing your solicitor about a short addition (*called a codicil*).

*It is tempting to write a will yourself, but home made wills can be dangerous and leave your loved ones with problems. A will made with a solicitor shouldn't cost much and is far more reliable.*

**Being prepared before you visit your solicitor will save you time and money.**

**Make a list of what you own, and what you want to leave to whom.**

*Our Christian faith helps us to prepare for death in a positive way.*

**Making a will is a sensible part of that preparation and enables us to help to further the work of what we believe.**

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for further information on Legacies, making Wills, finding a solicitor, or Christian Giving please contact

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# leaving money to the church

# what are legacies?

# who do I leave a legacy to?

Throughout your life, as a member of your church you will have been committed to helping resource its work through **giving**.

We use the gifts *given to us by God* to enable the church to carry out its work.

*These gifts include our money.*

**Our giving can continue to help our church even after our death through what is known as a legacy**

A legacy is a way of leaving part of your wealth to the church or to charities after your death.

*There are different types of legacy*

**One enables you to leave a proportion of your estate after you have specified other provisions.**

**Another allows you to leave fixed sums of money.**

**A legacy enables all of us to contribute after our death, not just those who are rich.**

**You might like to help by supporting either or both of these parts of your church.**

## *Your parish church...*

*...will find an unconditional legacy very useful, but you may prefer to leave it for a specific purpose, such as the fabric fund.*

## *The Diocese of Sheffield...*

*...carries out a wide range of work throughout the region (roughly South Yorkshire), such as supporting families in difficulty, or helping communities find ways of renewing themselves.*

Diocese of Sheffield charity no 245861

*You should specify this in your will.*

**If you would like to know more about this, contact Nick Hutton at Church House, Rotherham**