



Building faith, hope and love for the present and the future

How to make a lasting gift

Through centuries of generous giving, the church has been able to proclaim the gospel to each generation. I want to encourage everyone in our church family, old and young alike, to make a will and consider the difference a lasting gift could make. Thank you.

Revd Renos Pittarides



Whether you visit church for weekly worship or for activities, special events or family occasions, you'll know the difference it can make. The cyclical nature of the church calendar is a reassuring and consistent backdrop to your faith journey and a step away from the ever-changing world outside. Getting together with your community to give thanks, find solace, make friends, learn, sing and celebrate can be revitalising, a genuine highlight.

Recognising your support

Many people give regularly to the mission and ministry of the parish. Leaving a gift in your will is a natural, valuable and lasting part of that. It is a way of continuing to express thanks to God and your community after you are gone. It helps us invigorate and transform life at St Martin's and ensure that successive generations benefit from their association with the church, just as you do now. We want to build faith, hope and love for the future, not just for today.



The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has created a 'Legacy Policy' stating that however big or small, they will use gifts in wills to help fund significant development projects in the Parish. Since needs change over the years, we encourage church members to leave a gift for general, rather than restricted, purposes. The PCC will agree how to use the gift most effectively with the Executors, taking current projects and the donor's known interests in the church, for instance children and youth, music, buildings, into consideration.



Did you know? You could reduce inheritance tax liability from 40% to 36% if charitable bequests total 10% of your net estate (this can be to a number of charities)



What we can achieve with your help

We welcome all gifts in wills and have been able to fund the following, in part or in full, from previous generous gifts:

- Employing our first Children and Families Worker.
- Memory book and stand.
- Revealing the stained glass windows in the church.
- Refurnishing the chancel area.
- A nave altar.



‘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)

We encourage every adult church member to:

- 1) Make a will and review it regularly.
- 2) Consider leaving a gift to our parish.
- 3) Request a free information pack by emailing

Suggested wording

“I give _____% of my residuary estate OR I give the sum of £ _____ free of all taxes to the Parochial Church Council of the parish of St Martin’s, East Horsley in the Diocese of Guildford, and I declare that the receipt of an officer of the Parochial Church Council shall be sufficient to discharge to my executors and trustees.”

If you already have a will you can attach a simple codicil form to it.

A codicil is a document used to make simple amendments to your existing will such as adding a charity, changing a gift amount, or adding an executor.

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



Contact us

If you would like to speak to someone about legacies, please contact the Parish office on 01483-654263 or contact the Rector on 01483-283713

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