

Suggested wording for your will:

"I give ____% of my residuary estate OR I give the sum of £__ (pounds only) free of all taxes to the Parochial Church Council of the parish of St Mary's Church, West Horsley, in the Diocese of Guildford, and I declare that the receipt of an officer of the Parochial Church Council shall be a sufficient 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 talk to someone in confidence about legacies, please contact the Church Office and they will put you in touch with Phil, Steve or one of the Churchwardens.

Gifts in memory of a loved one

If you would like to make a gift to our church in memoriam, please come and discuss this with us too. It can be a wonderful way to remember a loved one.

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How you can make a lasting gift to St Mary's West Horsley



It has always been a great encouragement whenever someone has left a gift to St Mary's in his or her will. It's their testimony to the faithfulness, goodness and generosity of God and their thankfulness for the life of St Mary's. We want to encourage everyone in our church family, old and young to make a will, review it regularly, and consider the difference a gift in your will could make.



Phil & Louise Herrington



We encourage every church member to:

- 1) Make a will and review it regularly
- 2) Consider leaving a gift to our parish
- 3) Request a free Church of England information pack/ Talk in confidence to one of our clergy or churchwardens if you feel it would be helpful



Recognising your support

Many people give regularly to the mission and ministry of the parish of West Horsley and over centuries of generous giving, St Mary's has been able to proclaim the gospel to each generation.

Leaving a gift in your will is a valuable expression of gratitude, love and thanksgiving towards God but it can also help us invigorate life at St Mary's as we seek to follow Jesus, share the gospel and be a blessing to our local community.

The PCC has written a Legacy Policy that promises to use your gift to make a real difference to St Mary's

Our Legacy Policy

At St Mary's, we welcome all gifts in wills, however large or small and we promise to use your gift to make a difference to our parish. Our PCC Legacy Policy is to **use gifts to help fund significant development projects, whether buildings, equipment or staff.**

Since needs change over the years, we encourage you to leave a gift in your will for the general purposes of the parish rather than for a restricted purpose. We will discuss possible uses of your gift with your executors when the time comes, bearing in mind your known areas of interest in the church (e.g. music, buildings, children and youth, overseas mission or aid) and the church's priorities at the time.

You can be confident that your gift will be used to make a real difference to our future mission and ministry.

We acknowledge gifts in whatever way the donor and/or his/her executors feel is most appropriate. Equally, we can make sure that gifts remain anonymous if the donor prefers.

