

LOCKS HEATH FREE CHURCH

LEGACY

How you can make a lasting difference to the work of LHFC



sharing faith hope and love

A MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER

I want to encourage everyone, young and old, to make a Will, review it regularly and consider leaving a gift to Locks Heath Free Church through your Will.

Many of us already follow the biblical principle of giving a proportion of our income to support the work of the church – enabling LHFC to engage in the Mission of God, giving many the opportunity to encounter Jesus personally.

Writing a Will and leaving a gift to LHFC can both help secure the future of the people you love and enable LHFC to reach more people with the love of Jesus. Please think about leaving a gift in your Will. Think about it; pray about it; talk about it; find out more about it - and then please act upon it!

Mark Madavan

LEAVING A LEGACY

“A gift in your Will is a wonderful way to ensure that your faith, hope and love live on for generations to come.”

WHY MAKE A WILL?

Making a Will means that when you die your money and possessions are passed on to the people and organisations you have chosen. Do make sure you have a Will and that it is kept up to date as it saves a lot of time and effort for those who are left behind as they settle your affairs.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DON'T MAKE A WILL?

Only one in four adults in the UK make a Will. Everyone knows it's a good idea but many don't get around to it. If you are without family and haven't made a Will, all your estate may pass to the Crown. Some think that everything goes to their wife or husband if no Will exists. In fact if you have children or relatives, only a portion of the estate may pass to your spouse. If you do not make a Will, then the law, not you, will decide who gets what, and that can be an expensive business with legal costs being paid from your estate.

HOW YOU CAN HELP LOCKS HEATH FREE CHURCH

Please consider helping LHFC in the future by leaving a legacy to the church.



THREE TYPES OF LEGACY

1: Residuary Legacy – leaving the remainder of a share of your estate to LHFC, after all other provisions have been made.

2: Pecuniary Legacy – leaving a fixed amount to LHFC.

3: Specific Legacy – leaving a specific item of your property to LHFC.

LEGACY CLAUSE examples

Residuary Legacy

'I give free of inheritance tax and all other fiscal impositions all (or a share of) the residue of my estate absolutely to:

Locks Heath Free Church, Registered Charity No. 1168433, for its general purposes and I direct that the receipt of a Director or other duly authorised officer shall be sufficient to discharge my executors'.

Pecuniary Legacy

'I give free of inheritance tax and all other fiscal impositions to:

Locks Heath Free Church, Registered Charity No. 1168433, the sum of £ (in figures), £ (in words), for its general purposes and I direct that the receipt of a Director or other duly authorised officer shall be sufficient to discharge my executors.'

Specific Legacy

'I give free of inheritance tax and all other fiscal impositions to:

Locks Heath Free Church, Registered Charity No. 1168433, (Description of property) for its general purposes and I direct that the receipt of a Director or other duly authorised official shall be sufficient to discharge my executors.'

THREE SIMPLE STEPS

1: Ask your solicitor, or arrange to meet with Matthew James LLB (Solicitor) - see 3, who will provide advice and make arrangements for you to write or change your Will at a competitive cost.

2: Decide which of the three types of legacy you wish to leave to LHFC and ask your solicitor to use the appropriate clause in your Will.

3: For further information or guidance you can speak in confidence about legacies at any time to Matthew James LLB (Solicitor) of Jasper Vincent, 227 West Street, Fareham PO16 0HA
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ESTATE PLANNING

Leaving money to LHFC in your Will can make financial sense too because charitable gifts are exempt from inheritance tax so it could reduce the tax on your estate. Your financial adviser can help you with the latest information regarding estate planning.

COULD THIS BE YOU?

"I have included a gift to LHFC in my Will because I love the idea of helping to preserve our church's future. I want to make sure my grandchildren and their grandchildren can enjoy the children's activities here just as I did all those years ago."

CAN YOU HELP?

A gift in your Will can help LHFC live out our dreams and mission in this community. It's a way for you to thank God for all the gifts of your lifetime, and to hand on to the next generation what we received from past Christians – our faith, our building.

Here are some of the ways in which a gift in your Will could make an important difference:

- reduce the outstanding mortgage on the church building
- support the outreach work of the church in the community
- cover the cost of a youth retreat to a residential centre
- support the ongoing development of our 'Messy Church' through provision of craft materials, games, etc.
- enable improvements to the church building.

Our dreams for God are endless but funding is often the restraining factor. Your help to enable this can really be a wonderful use of a legacy.

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