

A Lasting Gift

We welcome all gifts in wills, however large or small, and we promise to use your gift to make a difference in our parish. We have been fortunate to receive such generous gifts in the past.

These legacies have been used in various ways. In recent years the white banners and altar frontal were purchased with money left in a legacy.



3 Simple Steps

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.

To request a free information pack, please visit www.churchlegacy.org.uk

You can also speak to the Treasurer or Stewardship Officer in confidence about gifts in wills.

Please contact them via the Parish Office
01628 632567
email goodshepherd@chogs.plus.com

www.chogs.org.uk
 [goodshepherd.coxgreen](https://www.facebook.com/goodshepherd.coxgreen)

Church of the Good Shepherd
Cox Green



How you can make a
Lasting Gift to our
Church



Dear Friends



It has always been a great encouragement whenever someone has left a gift in his or her will to our Church in the past.

It's their testimony to the faithfulness, goodness and generosity of God and their thankfulness for the life of The Church of the Good Shepherd.

I 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.

Thank you. **The Revd Joan Hicks – Vicar**

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)

Your Parish, Your Gift

Many people give regularly to the mission and ministry of the parish. We are stewards of everything we own, not just our income and gifts in wills are a natural part of that giving.

They are a valuable and lasting way to invigorate the life of The Good Shepherd and transform its future.



A gift in your will can be an expression of your gratitude and thanksgiving towards God, and can help keep your local church alive, and transform its future.

The PCC has written a Legacy Policy confirming that, however large or small, they will use your gift to make a real difference to our church.

Our Legacy Policy

The policy of the PCC is to 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 in your will for the general purposes of the parish, rather than for a restricted purpose.

The PCC will discuss with executors the most appropriate use of the gift in the light of current projects and the donor's known areas of interest in the church (e.g. children and youth, music etc.).

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 The Good Shepherd, Cox Green in the Diocese of Oxford for its general purposes, and I declare that the receipt of an officer of the Parochial Church Council shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors and trustees."

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