

# St. Luke's Church Maidenhead

## Parish Legacy Policy

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As Christians we celebrate the generosity of God, who gives abundantly more than we deserve in every aspect of our lives. We recognise that our money and wealth come ultimately from God and we seek to be good stewards of all with which we have been entrusted in this life. Knowing that our ultimate treasure is found in heaven, we seek to ensure that what we leave behind on earth is used well.

### **Legacies**

At St Luke's Maidenhead, we welcome all gifts in wills, however large or small, and we promise to use all gifts to make a difference to our parish. Our PCC's Legacy Policy is to use gifts to help fund both minor and significant development projects, whether buildings, equipment, staff. Or other resources. To this end, legacies are first placed in our Benefactors' Fund so that they are kept separate from our General Fund and its day-to-day income and expenditure.

Since needs change over the years, benefactors are encouraged to leave a gift in their will for the 'general purposes of the parish' rather than for a restricted purpose. A PCC member will discuss possible uses of gifts with executors when the time comes, bearing in mind the donors known areas of interest in the church (e.g. music, buildings, children and youth, overseas mission or aid) along with any wishes that donors may have recorded, and the church's specific priorities at the time of receipt.

All donors can be confident that gifts will be used to make a real difference to God's mission and the ministry of the church in this place.

Potential donors may wish to speak in confidence to the Incumbent, Treasurer or another PCC member about leaving a gift to the church in their will, the sorts of purposes that gift might fund, and how/if they would like that gift to be acknowledged. Donors may ask for their wishes to be recorded so that, when the time comes, the PCC at that time can ensure they are carried out.

We acknowledge gifts in whatever way the donor and/or executors feel most appropriate. Equally, we can ensure that gifts remain anonymous.

### **Memorial gifts**

We also welcome a gift to our church in memory of a loved one and encourage anyone to speak to us, as above. This can be a wonderful and appropriate way to remember a loved one

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