

*"Thank you for taking the time to read this leaflet. Our church has been built on the generosity and dedication of parishioners like you over the centuries.*

*Legacies can make a profound difference to the work of the church in this community. For example, recent legacies have been set aside for future works on disabled access at the south door.*

*Take time to pray about your legacy and consult with others if you need further guidance."*

**Rev'd Andrea Colbrook**



# Leaving a gift in your will to help us grow God's kingdom

## St Bartholomew's Church, Ducklington

The PCC  
St Bartholomew's Church,  
Ducklington with Hardwick,  
Oxfordshire



# Help us grow God's kingdom

## Did you know you can leave a gift to the church in your will?

We call these gifts legacies because they allow you to make a lasting difference to our church even when you're no longer physically with us.

We welcome all gifts in wills, however large or small, and we promise to use your gift to make a difference in our parish. When we receive a legacy we commit to using it to achieve our goal of becoming a church that cares for God's world in everything we do.

As part of our vision for the church, we want to ensure we plan financially for our future so that we can continue to grow our Christian presence in the local community. A legacy would help us go further towards achieving some of our missional goals, like the examples listed on the right.

If you already have a will and do not wish to redo it, straightforward changes can be made through a Codicil. Alternatively, a Letter of Wishes has to be considered by executors but is not binding.

Here are some examples of ways legacies have been used for mission in churches:

- Reaching out to the community through new missional initiatives
- Maintaining and improving the fabric of buildings to make them suited for ministry and community
- Developing and investing in work with children, young people and schools
- Investing in ways to make the church more environmentally friendly
- Growing levels of ministry by making extra funds available for additional clergy/curates.



# Want to take it further?

To hear more about leaving a legacy for the future of our church speak to

**Jane Dines, Treasurer**  
*treasurer@ducklingtonchurch.org.uk*

Of course, you will want your legacy to make the greatest possible difference to the church. Inevitably our priorities will evolve over time as we respond to the changing needs of our community, so we would ask you to kindly leave any legacy 'for the general ecclesiastical purposes' of our parish. This ensures that your gift will remain relevant to our mission in the years to come. In all circumstances we will use your gift in a way that honours your legacy

For more information and guidance on the legal wording for a will please visit

**[churchofengland.org/church-legacy](https://www.churchofengland.org/church-legacy)**

If you would like to make a gift to our church in memory of a loved one, please come and discuss this with us.