

*Leaving a  
legacy in your  
will*



## *WRITING YOUR WILL TO INCLUDE A LEGACY TO YOUR CHURCH*

### *Seek advice*

You are advised to seek the help of a legal adviser trained in the drafting of wills because the pitfalls in writing a will are many and any improper wording can cause a host of problems.

Any professional will writer will also carry indemnity insurance which will safeguard your wishes, should a mistake be made.

### *Make a list*

When you decide to make a will it is useful to have made a full and clear list items you wish to bequeath and the names and addresses of those whom you wish to benefit.

### *Be specific*

What may appear to be straightforward, clear and simple may need to be written down in a specific or particular way to ensure that your wishes will stand if challenged. Below are example wordings that your legal advisor might use:

- *A percentage of your residuary estate to your congregation*

I give X% of my residuary estate to the Scottish Episcopal congregation of XXXX (charity number SC0xxxxx) in the Diocese of XXXX free of duty to be applied as to both capital and income by them for such purposes as are charitable and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer of the Vestry shall be a sufficient discharge to my Trustees.

- *A gift of money to the congregation/vestry.*

I give to the congregation/vestry of XXXXX (Scottish Charity Number SC0xxxxx) in the Diocese of XXXX the sum of £XXX free of duty to be applied to such purposes as are charitable and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer of the vestry shall be a sufficient discharge to my Trustees.

- *A gift of money to the Diocese*

I give the sum of £XXX free of duty to the XXXX Diocese having its principal office at XXXXX for its charitable purposes and I declare that the receipt of the Diocesan Secretary for the time being shall be a sufficient discharge to my Trustees.

- *A gift of money to the Scottish Episcopal Church*

I give the sum of £XXX free of duty to the General Synod of The Scottish Episcopal Church having its principal office at 21 Grosvenor Crescent Edinburgh EH12 5EE (Scottish Charity Number SC015962) for its general charitable purposes and I declare that the receipt of the Secretary General for the time being shall be a sufficient discharge to my Trustees.



