

Useful bits and
pieces about
legacies

- *It is important to note that income from legacies is vitally important to charities*
- *Many Christians faithfully and regularly support their local church and other agencies during their lifetimes but fail to make provision for them in their wills*
- *Leaving a legacy is of benefit to both the giver and the receiver but a will has to be made first*
- *What we accumulate is not ours! We cannot take it with us when we die. Money does offer and give us security, choice and opportunity but it can not protect us from the ultimate reality of death*
- *Making a will is both a spiritual act and an act of loving care towards those we love and care for*
- *Not having an up to date will can be a serious problem for those left to sort your estate out because:*
 - *You can not assume that your partner or spouse will inherit everything or that your personal wishes will be met*
 - *You cannot choose who will administer your estate or recompense them for doing so*
 - *Nothing can be donated to your church or favourite charities*
- *A will needs to be kept up to date, a revision every five years is a good idea*
- *We are called to be good stewards with what we have and to look to the future*
- *Legacies are part of our planned giving and death need not prevent us from continuing to give to those causes we supported in life*

- *Many of us are asset rich but cash poor – a legacy helps us give what we would like to have given but were unable to do so*
- *Legacies reduce the amount of inheritance tax that has to be paid*
- *There is evidence that those who have a will live longer than those who do not and that those who leave a charitable legacy live longer still*
- *The church has to teach well and regularly about stewardship*
- *A useful website: www.churchlegacy.org.uk*

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