

LEGACY INFORMATION

Leaving a Legacy to the Congregation

Leaving a gift in your Will is a statement of love, gratitude and appreciation for the people and causes you have valued and loved in life. We may know that it is a good idea to have a Will in place, but for many of us it is one of those things we never quite get around to doing. Making a Will and keeping it updated are the only ways to ensure your wishes are carried out after your death, giving you peace of mind that your family and friends are provided for and the causes you love are supported.

Seeking professional advice

Your Will is a legal document so it is vital to have it drafted or updated by someone who is legally qualified. We advise you to seek the help of a solicitor. They will ensure that your wishes are clearly drafted in accordance with the law. The Law Society of Scotland can help you find a local solicitor.

Types of gifts

There are three different types of gift you can make in your Will:

- A pecuniary legacy is a gift of a fixed sum of money of your choosing. This type of gift will decrease in value over time owing to inflation.
- A residuary legacy is a gift of what is left (or part of what is left) after all other bequests and debts have been paid. This can be more beneficial to charities as the gift will not decrease in value due to inflation.
- A specific legacy is a gift of a specific item, eg land or property or other assets

Wording for your Will

Here is suggested wording should you decide to leave a gift in your Will to Murrayfield Parish Church:

"I leave to:

the congregation of Murrayfield Parish Church (or the successor congregation within the Church of Scotland);

the sum of £x [insert the amount in words];

or

a proportion [insert %] of the residue of my estate;

or

[insert specific item] free of all taxes for its general purposes;

and I direct that the receipt by the Congregational Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors and trustees."

Inheritance Tax

The Church of Scotland and each of its Scottish congregations are registered charities. This means that a gift in your Will to the Church or a congregation is exempt from Inheritance Tax. Your solicitor will be able to advise you further on this. You can see an overview about this tax on the HMRC website [here](#).

Legacy Policy

At Murrayfield Church, we welcome all gifts in Wills, however large or small, and we promise to use your gift to make a difference in our parish. A legacy can help to fund significant development projects which we could not otherwise afford.

You can be confident that your gift will be used to make a real difference to our future mission and ministry. We will acknowledge gifts in whatever way the donor and/or his/her executors feel most appropriate. If preferred, we can make sure that gifts remain anonymous.

If you would like to make a gift to our church in memoriam, please discuss this with us too. It can be a wonderful and appropriate way to remember a loved one.

Talk to us

If you have further questions please contact the Church Treasurer at treasurer@murrayfieldparishchurch.org.uk