



## Recommended Legacy Clauses

Thank-you for considering leaving a gift in your will to St James's Church.

The policy of St James's PCC is to use them to fund significant development projects in the parish, whether buildings, equipment or staff. As circumstances change over the years, it may not be possible to fulfil specific donor requests, so church members are encouraged to leave gifts in their Wills for the general purposes of the parish. We will then discuss, as appropriate, with executors, the best use of the gift in the light of current projects and the donor's known areas of interest in the church (e.g. children and youth, music, buildings).

These notes may help you to ensure that the gift is made correctly, when you speak to your solicitor or will-writer

If you would like to leave a gift in your Will to St James Church, New Barnet, we suggest using the following wording, as appropriate: *(Though your solicitor will make any modifications necessary to ensure conformity to the rest of your Will).*

- **Residuary legacy:** *I give all [or specify share] of the residue of my real and personal estate to St James Church, New Barnet, of 71 East Barnet Road, New Barnet, Herts, EN4 8RN and the receipt of the Legacy Officer or other proper officer for the time being shall be a complete discharge to my Executors.*
- **Pecuniary legacy:** *I give the sum of £ \_\_\_\_ to St James Church, New Barnet, of 71 East Barnet Road, New Barnet, Herts, EN4 8RN and the receipt of the Legacy Officer or other proper officer for the time being shall be a complete discharge to my Executors.*

Please consider **index linking** pecuniary legacies in order to preserve their value for the future. In such cases, the clause should read:

- *I give St James Church, New Barnet, of 71 East Barnet Road, New Barnet, Herts, EN4 8RN the sum of £ \_\_\_\_ or such larger sum as my Executors calculate to have the same value at my death as the figure specified had at the date of this Will and the receipt of the Legacy Officer or other proper officer for the time being shall be a complete discharge to my Executors.*

NOTE: It is your responsibility to check the accuracy of the advice and opinions given in this document before entering into any commitment based upon them. We strongly recommend that you take independent legal advice before doing so.