



The Parish of Upper Stour

Looking to God, Looking to Care, Looking to Grow

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Making a Legacy

The Parish of Upper Stour welcomes all gifts in Wills however large or small, and we promise to use such a gift to make a real difference to our Parish. Leaving a gift in your Will to your local church is one of the most valuable and lasting ways you can continue to support the mission and ministry in your community. A gift can be an expression of your gratitude and thanksgiving towards God, and can help keep your local church alive, and help transform its future.

For many churches, regular giving is absorbed in 'keeping the show on the road'. This usually involves everyday activities such as paying the parish share. A gift from your estate can be different. If you would like to give to the life of a particular church, rather than to the everyday life of the parish, then you can! As a single parish which includes four villages and four church buildings, [the PCC's Legacy Policy](#) allows for a gift may be given either to a specific church building, or to the life of the Parish of Upper Stour as a whole. Please therefore have the confidence that any gift will make a real difference to the life and ministry of the Parish.

Gifts to a Named Church

As a single parish with four separate church buildings, it is understandable that an individual may wish to leave a gift to a specific church building. Given that the ministry costs of the parish are borne by the Parish of Upper Stour as a whole, it is understood that a gift left for a named church must be restricted to the fabric of the said church, and not used to supplement the running costs of the parish as a whole.

The policy of the PCC is that where a gift is left to a named church building, the PCC commits to exclusively restrict such a gift to the support of the fabric of the said church.

Gifts to the Parish as a whole

Where a gift is left to the Parish of Upper Stour, such a gift must be used in line with the restriction given by the will in question. With this in mind, the PCC would then discuss possible uses of such a gift with the executors when the time comes, bearing in mind the givers known areas of interest in the church (e.g. music, children and youth, overseas mission or aid) and the parish's priorities at the time.

Acknowledging a Gift

We acknowledge gifts in whatever way the giver and/or his/her executors feel most appropriate. Equally, we can make sure that gifts remain anonymous if the donor prefers.

Contacts – either the Churchwarden or Treasurer of the church concerned, or the overall Parish Treasurer, or message via the website www.upperstour.co.uk

Thank you for giving consideration of your local churches.

How to make a Lasting Gift

No matter how large or small, every gift can make a difference.

To leave a share of your estate (Residuary Bequest) This is the gift of all or part of the value of your estate (after debts, other legacies and liabilities have been met). This has the advantage of automatically keeping up with inflation.
To leave a fixed sum of money (Pecuniary Bequest) You can choose to leave a set sum of money, which you can arrange with your solicitor to be increased in line with inflation.

The suggested wording for a bequest is:

I GIVE

I give _____% of my residuary estate, **OR** I give the sum of £ _____ pounds only, free of all taxes

TO

to the Parochial Church Council of the Parish of Upper Stour (registered charity number 1131161) in the Diocese of Salisbury, Wiltshire,

FOR

for its general purposes, **OR** for the upkeep of the building of the church of St Mary's/ St Peter's/ St Martin's/ St George's, (delete as appropriate)

AND I DECLARE

and I declare that the receipt of an officer of the Parochial Church Council shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors.

e.g.

I give the sum of £1000 pounds only, free of all taxes to the Parochial Church Council of the Parish of Upper Stour (registered charity number 1131161) in the Diocese of Salisbury, Wiltshire, for the upkeep of the building of the church of St Mary's, and I declare that the receipt of an officer of the Parochial Church Council shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors and trustees

Or

I give 10% of my residuary estate, to the Parochial Church Council of the Parish of Upper Stour (registered charity number 1131161) in the Diocese of Salisbury, Wiltshire, for its general purposes, and I declare that the receipt of an officer of the Parochial Church Council shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors.
