



Leaving a lasting legacy to be proud of

About 35% of people say they will leave a legacy to charity in their will but only about 7% actually do so - and only 5% of those leave a legacy to the Church. When asked about this, people respond by saying that they perceive the church to be wealthy and not in

need of legacies. Changes to the funding of churches means that this is no longer true. At Thakeham, levels of regular giving are no longer able to support the cost of running the church – despite excellent management by the Treasurer and PCC.

- ❖ The gift of a legacy can be an expression of your gratitude towards God
- ❖ The gift of a legacy can help to keep St Mary's Thakeham alive today
- ❖ The gift of a legacy can help transform its future

We are, of course, enormously grateful for the legacies that we have received.

- ❖ The legacy of Venter's Field became £900,000 when the land was purchased by a developer. This has been earmarked for improvement to the church structure and the building of an annexe which will provide a social space, a meeting room – and lavatories – for years to come!
- ❖ A legacy received in 2018 will be used to provide a much-needed kitchen within the church
- ❖ We are currently purchasing a silver chalice with money left to us by a much-loved member of the church

Are you willing to write your will to include a lasting gift to our church?

Thanks to gifts left in wills to support St Mary's Thakeham, this church that is dear to you and to so many in the village and around can be looked after for years to come, inspiring generations of churchgoers and visitors – and memories. You

can leave your gift for a special purpose or for us to use on your behalf, wherever the need is greatest. A gift of any size is hugely valuable and every penny is used very thoughtfully and carefully.



Thank you

Want more information?

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