



WINCHESTER  
CATHEDRAL

# MAKE A LASTING GIFT

Legacy and Tribute giving



# WELCOME FROM THE DEAN

On behalf of Chapter



Thank you for your interest in leaving a lasting gift to Winchester Cathedral. Winchester Cathedral is a truly great and glorious place, inspiring awe and wonder, love and dedication. Here in the Cathedral many people glimpse the living reality of faith, hope and love. The Cathedral contains a unique 1000 year heritage passed on to us by generations of faithful and generous people caring for the Cathedral's life and well-being. Winchester Cathedral is also home today to a lively Christian community seeking to renew, inspire and unite people in faith, hope and love. We seek to be a place of forgiveness, reconciliation and joy.

It would be wrong to take all this for granted. In order to continue conserving our precious heritage and growing as a community of faith, Winchester Cathedral needs to find supporters who want to see this work continue into the future.

Whether you cherish this Cathedral as a centre for Christian worship, for its magnificent choral music, for its unique role in the story of our nation, or perhaps for your own personal reasons, your support is a great encouragement to us and will contribute to work of lasting significance and value. The Dean and Chapter are most grateful. Thank you so much.

The Very Reverend Catherine Ogle,  
Dean of Winchester

Almighty God,  
trusting in your great goodness,  
we ask that you would  
**renew** us by your Spirit,  
**inspire** us with your love  
and **unite** us in the body of your Son  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.



## HOW YOUR GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

The scale and splendour of our great Cathedral bear clear witness to the historic patronage of kings and bishops. But today we live in a different age. Today, Winchester Cathedral belongs to all who love it, including local worshippers, students and volunteers, and musicians, artists and visitors from all over the world. You might have been here for a wedding or to a Christmas or Easter service, attended as a member of our congregation or worked as a volunteer. Whatever your connection, your gift, large or small, makes all the difference.

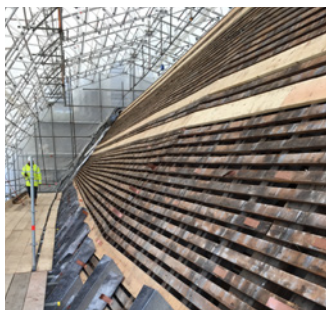
However you choose to help us, you'll be making a lasting contribution that will be valued for generations to come



# MAKE A GENERAL GIFT TO WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

## HELP WHEREVER THE NEED IS GREATEST

The gifts that are of most value to us are those which are unrestricted and enable us to use the money for the Cathedral's greatest need. Priorities and needs change over time and so a legacy specified for a particular project may not ultimately meet the Cathedral's needs at that time. A general legacy is therefore more helpful to the Cathedral, and guarantees that the money will be well used where it will have most benefit, at the time of receiving your gift. It might be used for repair and conservation of the stonework or windows, conservation of artefacts, or to enable us to run the many activities that make the Cathedral such a vibrant place of worship, pilgrimage and living heritage.



Roof repairs were needed to halt water ingress



The Stone Festival showcases the craftsmanship of Stonemasons across the country



Repairing the statue of Bishop Fox



Preparations for the Christingle service

# MAKE A GIFT TO THE MUSIC FUND

## HELP MAINTAIN OUR GREAT CHORAL TRADITION

Britain's sacred choral music represents a unique tradition, kept alive today largely by its cathedrals that remains one of the nation's greatest cultural treasures. Singing has formed a key part of Christian worship for over a thousand years. Winchester Cathedral's own choral tradition is rooted in our medieval monastic past, when Benedictine monks chanted eight holy offices a day.

We still end almost every day by raising our voices in a traditional choral Evensong, as we have done for centuries, with attendance open to everyone free of charge. Every year, our magnificent Christmas carol services and our Easter worship are attended by thousands of people.

Our Cathedral Choir is recognised as one of the finest in the world but keeping music of this quality open for all to enjoy is expensive. If you'd like to leave a legacy to this fund, it will help train future choristers, and support the Music Department in its daily work to keep this wonderful music alive for future generations to enjoy.



All boy Choristers are given a choral scholarship at Pilgrims' School



Our Girls' Choir sings weekly services in the Cathedral during term-time



The Cathedral's 12 lay clerks are all members of Cathedral staff

# MAKE A GIFT TO THE FABRIC FUND

The Cathedral and its Close represent a unique collection of historic buildings, admired by all who visit. But this is also a living place, in constant use. Today Winchester Cathedral celebrates 1,500 services a year, and welcomes 130,000 tourists, as well as nearly half a million people visiting our Christmas market or attending events. Some 25,000 young people a year take part in education activities here.

Maintaining and conserving our buildings and facilities, whether it's restoring precious surviving fragments of medieval stained glass, developing a new display for our magnificent illuminated Winchester Bible, or simply installing new visitor lavatories, takes money. Our annual income covers normal running expenses and essential maintenance activities. But it doesn't stretch to funding the work needed to keep our buildings fit for the future.

If you choose to leave a legacy to our Fabric Fund, you'll be doing something invaluable – enabling us to plan our conservation and maintenance work on a sound basis for the future.



Specialist stone conservation

FROM THE VERY LARGE...



Re-leading works taking place on the early 16th century roof of the Presbytery (daylight can be seen through the roofing boards)

TO THE VERY SMALL...



This Green Man corbel is one of the many intricate wooden carvings found in the Quire stalls

AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN...



Conservation on the wall paintings in the South Transept



Morley Library and the 17th-century Blaeu Globes



# IN MEMORY AND TRIBUTE GIVING

Maybe your loved one was a member of the Cathedral community, a volunteer or simply loved this beautiful place. Whatever the reason, an in memory gift can be the perfect way to recognise and continue their connection. In memory gifts can be made as a one-off donation, or as a regular gift to mark a special anniversary or birthday. Donations can go towards the Cathedral's general fund, music or the upkeep of the buildings and grounds.

If you are thinking of making a gift in memory of someone please contact us in confidence so that we can make sure your tribute is appropriately recorded and recognised.



There are a multitude of volunteer roles playing an important part in the daily life of the Cathedral



# A PLACE OF COMMUNITY

The Cathedral is a living place of work, worship, learning and enjoyment. Eighty staff and eight hundred volunteers play their part in looking after visitors, maintaining the buildings and grounds, developing activities and events and ensuring its financial resilience.



Stone Festival – a stonemason of the future?



Our popular annual Lantern Parade



We welcome school groups almost every day during term time



Our team of Virgers are key to the smooth running of the Cathedral

# MAKING YOUR WILL

## GIVING A GIFT TO REMEMBER

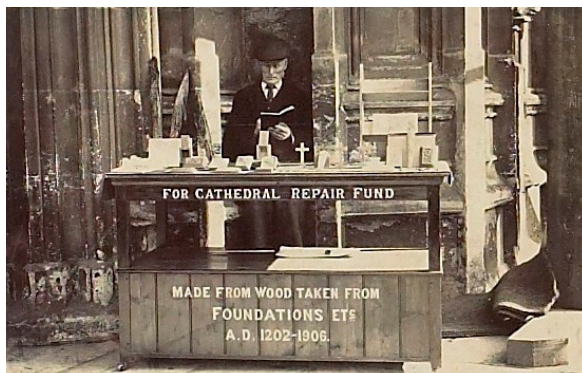
Although it's easy to put it off, deciding to make or update your Will can:

- Set your mind at rest and ensure your assets go to the people and causes closest to your heart
- Make life easier for those you leave behind
- Avoid a situation where your estate is divided up by the courts

When you die, your estate may be subject to Inheritance Tax (IHT). The first part of your estate is taxed at nil rate. The residue is taxed at 40%.

If you leave money to charity your estate could benefit from two reliefs from IHT:

- (a) no tax will be payable on the amount that you leave to charity
- (b) there will be a reduction in the rate of IHT on the remainder of your taxable estate from 40% to 36% where 10% of the net value of your estate is left to charity.



The Cathedral has always needed your help!

## NEXT STEPS

If you decide to remember us in your Will, all you need to do is:

- Instruct your solicitor or whoever draws up your Will for you that you want to include provision in your Will for Winchester Cathedral
- If you already have a Will, arrange for a codicil (a supplement) to be drawn up.

You'll need to decide what form you wish your gift to take, such as:

- A residuary legacy: the whole or a percentage of all your estate after other bequests and liabilities have been met.
- A pecuniary legacy: a specific sum, which could be index linked as the value will decrease over time
- A specific legacy: such as property, stocks and shares, works of art, or other objects. *We request that you discuss specific gifts with us in advance if possible.*

To support the Cathedral gifts should be expressed as made to **Winchester Cathedral**. If you choose to restrict your gift you can indicate whether the gift is for **general purposes** or **fabric conservation** or the **music fund**.

*This is not intended as an exhaustive statement of the law relating for Wills and IHT and facts and figures are correct at the time of writing (Autumn 2019). Specific advice should be taken on your own particular circumstances before you consider making or amending your Will.*

For further information or a confidential discussion please contact Zoe Seenan, Director of Fundraising on **01962 857241** or **[zoe.seenan@winchester-cathedral.org.uk](mailto:zoe.seenan@winchester-cathedral.org.uk)**





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