



WINCHESTER  
CATHEDRAL

# YOUR INVITATION

to reflect on how you value our Cathedral  
and to review your financial commitment  
to its ministry and mission

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# CURRENT GIVING TO THE CATHEDRAL

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ON AVERAGE PER DONOR



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Many people make a regular commitment to giving to the cathedral totalling £x per x. The average giving per week is £x. Most of us give about £x. A few people give substantially more in what may well be sacrificial giving.

Where are you? Can you increase your giving in gratitude to God?

# MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN & THE CHAIR OF THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

It is a great privilege to be entrusted with the care of Winchester Cathedral. This year the Coronavirus pandemic has swept the world and affected each one of us in many ways. Living through these changes many of us are now more aware of the significance of Christianity and the precious role of the cathedral in looking to the future with faith, hope and love.

I am honoured to share with you, the cathedral community, the task of caring for this great cathedral, a place of welcome, community and hope. The cathedral and its ministry are very expensive to maintain. Current costs are £12,000 a day. Over recent years different income streams have been developed to support our ministry, however, this income was severely affected by lock-down. The giving of the congregation is currently more vital than ever.

So I am inviting you to give thanks for all that God has done for you, and then to reflect with a grateful heart, on how you may be able to give financial support to this cathedral church so that more people may be touched by its life and ministry. This year we are also asking you to consider your regular giving, and also consider making an 'in-memory' gift or legacy to make a lasting difference.

Thank you for the part that you play in our life together.

With every blessing,

**The Very Revd Catherine Ogle**  
Dean of Winchester

**Mr Damien Carpanini**  
Chair of the Stewardship Committee







# LEGACY GIFTS TO WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

## Help wherever the need is greatest

We are asking you to give special consideration this year to leaving a legacy to the cathedral in your will. A legacy gift could make a vital and significant difference to cathedral finances seriously depleted by the effects of the Coronavirus. With a legacy you leave a blessing to future generations and give great encouragement to those who serve the cathedral now.

The gifts that are of most value to us are those which enable us to use the money for the Cathedral's greatest need.

A general legacy is therefore the most beneficial to the Cathedral, and guarantees that the money will be well used where it will have most impact at the time of receiving your gift. It might be used for vital repairs and conservation, choral music, education and work with children and families or the many activities that make the Cathedral such a vibrant place of worship, pilgrimage and living Christian heritage.

Previous legacies have enabled the Cathedral to improve facilities, develop ministry and mission and to carry out important fabric conservation.

# IN MEMORY AND TRIBUTE GIVING

Many of us come to the cathedral carrying in heart and mind someone that we love, who has died. Your loved one may have been a member of the Cathedral community, a volunteer or simply someone who 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.



To receive our legacy and in-memory giving brochure, for further information or a confidential discussion please contact Zoë Seenan, Director of Fundraising on 01962 857241 or [zoe.seenan@winchester-cathedral.org.uk](mailto:zoe.seenan@winchester-cathedral.org.uk)

# WHAT WE COULD DO WITH MORE MONEY?

Chapter priorities for the coming year include:

## INSPIRE



- Continuing the rich tradition of choral music, worship and outreach
- Growing congregations
- Pastoral care and opportunities to learn
- New opportunities to worship

## RENEW



- Conservation of heritage
- Opening of new exhibitions
- Facilities to welcome more visitors
- Engagement with children and young adults

## UNITE



- Reaching new audiences
- Serving the communities of the city, diocese and county
- Opportunities to unite in times of celebration and sadness

# WHAT CAN I DO?

## PLEASE PRAY

We are called to love God and to love our neighbour and our giving is an expression of that love. Please pray about what you give to the work of God through Winchester Cathedral.

## GIVE THANKS

For everything with which God has blessed you. The more we give thanks, the more we realise that we have been blessed.

## GIVE GENEROUSLY

The Church of England challenges its members to give 5% of their after-tax income to the church and a similar amount to other causes.

## GIVE YOURSELF

Our cathedral life relies on volunteers and those who give time to God and his people. Thank you to all our volunteers, please become more involved. Thank you for all those who pray and all who worship here. This is the heart of our shared life.

“ Unless our money gift has cost us something, it is not really a thanksgiving but more like a tip. And one of the tensions in our discipleship lies in whether we live our life and give to God the odd crumb, or whether we give to God first, and then manage the rest. The Christian disciple who does the first will never be satisfied. The Christian disciple who does the second will always have enough. ”

Church of England website

## YOUR RESPONSE

Please renew or begin your financial commitment to the Cathedral by completing the response form. Please return the response form in the envelope provided, if possible by 30 November 2020. All financial information is confidential. **Thank you.**



# WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

“ Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen. ”

Ephesians, 3: 20-21

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