

Kirk of Calder Legacy Policy

At Kirk of Calder we welcome all gifts in Wills, however large or small, and we promise to use your gift to make a difference in our parish. Your gift is one of the most valuable and lasting ways you can support us, and we will use it to help fund significant development projects, whether relating to mission, equipment or buildings.

Since needs change over the years, we encourage you to leave a gift in your Will for the general purposes of the congregation rather than for a restricted purpose. We will discuss possible uses of your gift with your executors when the time comes, bearing in mind your known areas of interest in the church and the church's priorities at the time.

We will acknowledge gifts in whatever way you or your executors feel most appropriate. If preferred, we can make sure that gifts remain anonymous. Should you require more information on how to leave a gift then guidance can be found in our 'Lasting Generosity' leaflets situated at the main entrance to our church and in our nearby Glenalmond Hall. In addition, if you would like to talk to someone in confidence about the sorts of purposes your gift might fund, and how you would like your gift to be acknowledged, please contact our Stewardship Convenor:

Name: Peter Adams _____

Contact Details: Mob: 07506 794012, email: peteradamsrn@aol.com

If you would like to make a gift to our church in memoriam, please discuss this with us too. It can be a wonderful and appropriate way to remember a loved one.

You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.

2 Corinthians 9: 11-12

**Generous God,
You have given me so much.
In response to all your blessings
I pray for grace to continue
to be a means of blessing
in the lives of others.
Grant me the wisdom and
generosity of your Spirit
to make the appropriate
provision for those
I love and care for,
and gifts of thanksgiving
to the causes and concerns you
lead me to care about.
Amen**



The Church of Scotland

LASTING GENEROSITY

A guide to leaving a gift
to the Church in your Will

More information

You can instruct your own solicitor to prepare or update your Will, or choose a solicitor from a list available from the Law Society of Scotland:

www.lawscot.org.uk

Some solicitors offer free Will writing in exchange for a donation to charity:

www.willreliefscotland.co.uk

www.willaid.org.uk

Stewardship and Finance Department
121 George Street
Edinburgh, EH2 4YN

Tel: 0131 225 5722

Email: stewardship@churchofscotland.org.uk

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www.churchofscotland.org.uk





Your Church, Your Gift

We are privileged if we are in a position to leave a mark of our passing, to be remembered by those people and causes we've cared for in life. A gift in your Will to the Church is one of the most valuable and lasting ways you can continue to support its mission and its ministry.

All churches rely upon the support of generous members. Our giving is vitally important, enabling the Church to continue to show the love of Christ through its care, comfort and compassion.

Our generosity is a response to God's abundant grace. Leaving a gift in your Will can be a lasting and powerful expression of your gratitude and thanksgiving towards God and can help secure and transform your Church's future, both locally and nationally.

We pray that you will feel encouraged to remember the Church of Scotland as you plan how best to distribute your estate and we invite you to consider how a gift in your Will could help the Church meet the needs of future generations.

There are many ways you can support the work of the Church of Scotland with a gift in your Will.

A gift to the national Church will help enable and encourage ministry, mission, social care and service across Scotland and beyond.

A gift to your local Church will help sustain and encourage your congregation's engagement with the communities it serves.

There are different types of gift:

A pecuniary legacy is a gift of a fixed sum of money of your choosing. This type of gift will decrease in value over time owing to inflation.

A specific legacy is a gift of a specific item, for example land or property or other assets.

A residuary legacy is a gift of what is left (or part of what is left) after all other bequests and debts have been paid. This can be more beneficial to charities as the gift will not decrease in value due to inflation.

No matter how large or small, these gifts make a lasting difference and enable new opportunities for mission.

Making a Will and updating it regularly are the only ways to ensure your wishes are carried out after your death. In thanksgiving, we should set our affairs in order and steward our resources wisely to the end of our time on earth.

Your Will is a legal document so it is vital to have it drafted by someone who is legally qualified. There are a number of free or low cost Wills and charity schemes available.

Below is suggested wording should you decide to leave a gift in your Will to the Church of Scotland:

"I leave to:

the Church of Scotland of 121 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 4YN, Scottish Charity No. SC011353; or the congregation of [insert charity name and number] (or the successor congregation within the Church of Scotland),

the sum of £x [insert the amount in words]; or a proportion [insert %] of the residue of my estate; or [insert specific item] free of all taxes for its general purposes,

and I direct that the receipt by the General Treasurer or other duly authorised officer of the Church of Scotland shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors and trustees."