

The members and friends of the church are to be congratulated for the generous way in which they support the church with gifts of their time, talents and money.

Many, who would like to give more of their finances to the church are at times limited by the need to provide for their own and their family's needs.

The church already benefits from the Gift Aid scheme, which enables the church to receive a refund of the tax paid on contributions made to the church.

Another way of financially supporting the church is by means of a gift in a Will. Such a gift will reduce the value of the estate of the person for inheritance tax purposes and, if the estate is above the starting point for inheritance tax, a gift to the church will save inheritance tax at 40%.

In recent years bequests from Wills have enabled the church to provide the following:

- PA systems, comfortable chairs and ramp access, primarily for the benefit of the elderly, in church buildings;
 - financial support towards improvements at Dunfield including rewiring, a loop system, heating in the Recreation Hall and the Stables redevelopment;
 - loans to young people attending Graceland University and
- Ÿ subsidies for youth camps and Children's Holiday camps.



There are three ways in which you can make a gift through your Will. You can give:

- Ÿ a percentage share in your net estate,
- Ÿ a specific sum, or
- Ÿ a specific asset.

Giving to the church in these ways can only be accomplished if you actually have a Will.

It is strongly advised that you have a Will drawn up since, in addition to allowing you to make a gift to the church on death, it also enables you to ensure that your family and next of kin are adequately provided for. In fact, a Will is essential if your assets are to go to the people you intend to benefit from them. For example, without a Will, your spouse and immediate family may not receive all of your assets, which might create difficulties for them. It is to be noted that marriage negates any previous Wills made and new ones are required.

Wills should be drawn up by solicitors or other legally qualified persons and many firms of solicitors have a fixed fee scheme for straightforward Wills.



The Mission Centre Financial Officer can put you in touch with people who can advise you on your inheritance tax position and the appointment of a solicitor.



Having a Will is an important aspect of good stewardship and the church would be grateful for any gift you wish to make in this way. Assistance can be provided with regard to appropriate wording for your Will so that a gift made to the church may be used in ways which you would prefer. The Mission Centre Financial Officer will be pleased to assist with this and any other matters relating to bequests to the church.

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LEGACIES TO THE CHURCH



Freely you have received,
freely give.
(Matthew 10:8)