

Thanksgiving

We are grateful to God that over the years Church Society has benefited so much in its ongoing work from the gifts of faithful members who have entered into rest.

Since in glory the saints have no need of the things of this world, Christians have been eager and willing to bequeath some or all of their earthly belongings to ongoing Christian work. Of course for many their chief concern must be to ensure proper provision for their immediate family but even then it is not unusual for specific gifts to be designated for charities or churches in a will.

In all the areas of its work Church Society has benefited from such generosity. We also have the privilege of administering particular funds and properties that have been entrusted to us for the benefit of others. The Society and its forebears have weathered many storms over the last 170 years. Our clear doctrinal basis, rich history, and a determination to remain faithful to Christ and to our heritage, have given people the confidence to entrust such things to us.

Church Society upholds the reformed principles of the Church of England and will continue to do so whatever lies ahead for the Church itself. We are committed unequivocally to the reformation principles of *Scripture alone* and *faith alone*. We desire to live this out today but without losing the riches of our heritage - the faith once delivered to the Saints.

In view of these things we would encourage you to consider making provision for Church Society in your will.

Church Society has four main areas of work:

Campaigning: The Society engages in a wide range of contemporary issues affecting the national church and the life of our nation. We work with others wherever possible and are particularly active in supporting and encouraging those involved in the structures of the Church of England. The Society also receives many media enquiries and our concern is always to present Christ and the teaching of His Word.

Publishing: Churchman (now 120 years old) and Cross+Way (members magazine) are our staple diet but we also produce a range of literature and increasingly use e-mail and the world-wide-web. Our concern is to produce good new material whilst at the same time making available the best of the old. This is an area of the work where there is great need and potential for expansion.

Church support & Patronage: We are committed to the primacy of the local Christian fellowship. The Society acts as trustees for four proprietary chapels and has patronage interests in 113 other parishes. In each we long to see faithful biblical ministry being exercised and people turning to Christ.

Trusts and properties: In addition to the proprietary chapels we administer a number of financial trusts and are trustees of other buildings. Purposes include; for evangelical work in particular areas or parishes, a training fund, and a fund for the convalescent care of children. In all these areas people have had the confidence that Church Society would stand firm for its reformed protestant principles. We take our responsibilities in these areas very seriously.

Giving through your will

Whilst bequests and gifts for the general work of the Society are simplest it is perfectly possible to make a gift for a specific area of work if preferred.

The majority of people die without making a will and in these cases others make the decisions about how their estate is divided up. If you have life insurance, investments, a house or whatever, it is wise to make a will and keep it up to date. This is particularly important where you wish to make provision for a spouse or children.

If you are considering drawing up a will then please do think about making provision for the continuing work of Church Society.

If you already have a will.

If you already have a will and do not wish to make another then you can supplement it with a codicil. Like a will this should be signed in the presence of witnesses and it should be kept with the original will.

Although it is possible to produce a will yourself the general advice is to ensure it is done properly through a Solicitor. It may be worth asking around to find out about costs first.

A legacy or bequest to Church Society is free of all inheritance taxes.

Different ways to give.

There are several different ways to make provision for Church Society:

A specific bequest – you leave a specific sum of money (a pecuniary gift), or an asset, investment or percentage of your estate.

A residuary legacy – once all the debts, taxes and costs have been met a percentage (or the whole) of the residuary is given.

A reversionary legacy – you make provision for a dependent during their lifetime, but when they die the estate reverts in whole or part to the Society.

Typical wording:

You may find it useful to take this leaflet to a Solicitor if you are thinking of making provision for Church Society.

A pecuniary gift:

I give the sum of £(amount in figures and words) to Church Society (Registered charity number 249574) of Dean Wace House, 16 Rosslyn Road, Watford WD18 0NY...

A specific gift :

I give (full description of items including location) to Church Society...

A residuary gift :

I give the whole / (a specific amount e.g. one-half, 20%) share of the residue of my estate to Church Society...

In each case there should then follow something like:

...and the receipt of the Company Secretary of the Society, or other authorised officer, shall be a good and sufficient discharge to my executors.

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Copies of the annual accounts of Church Society are available from:
www.churchsociety.org/aboutus/finance/finance.asp

Further copies of this leaflet and a sample codicil can be found at:
www.churchsociety.org/legacies



I bequeath...

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