

What Next?

Like many other charities, the Diocese of Blackburn has collaborated with the award winning will-writing company Farewill to enable church members to write wills online: **FREE** of charge.

Every will is checked by qualified solicitors, so it's guaranteed to be valid. Of course, you can still use a local solicitor to write your will if you prefer.

Scan the QR code or go to
farewill.com/diocese-of-blackburn



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 appropriate provision for those I love and care for, and gifts of thanksgiving to the callings and concerns you have led me to care about. **Amen**

No matter how large or small, *every* gift in *every* will makes a difference.



Legacies



Your Legacy, regardless of its size, can *transform* your Church!

A generous legacy enabled a church in Preston Deanery to take a bold step forward and they are now planning to plant a new congregation in a growing community of recently-built homes.



A Lasting Gift

Leaving a gift in your will is a deeply personal and enduring way to support your local church and in doing so, you will become an integral part of its future.

Store up for yourselves *treasures in heaven*, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, *there your heart will be also.*

Matthew 6:20 (NIV)

A gift in our will is consistent with the biblical principles of loving, planned and proportionate generosity. It's love in action!

If you don't make a Will, *the law* decides what happens!

Each year almost *5,000 people* leave a gift to their Church in their will, totalling to over *£50 million* in legacies

For almost 500 years the Church of England has encouraged people to make a Will. Leaving a legacy to your church will ensure that even after death, you can still contribute to building up God's kingdom until Christ returns.

Creating and regularly updating a Will is the only way to ensure your wishes are honoured, giving you peace of mind that you'll continue supporting the family, friends, and causes you love... in the way *you* intend.

Your Church, Your Gift

The policy of the PCC is to use gifts in wills to help fund significant development projects in the parish. Since needs change over the years, we encourage church members to leave a gift in your will for the general purposes of the parish, rather than for a specified purpose.

A generous legacy of £5,000 enabled one Church in Leyland Deanery to replace broken windows in their church hall. The hall now provides a welcoming space for both Church and local groups.



Giving to charity through a will is *not taxed* through inheritance tax!



The £1000 legacy of one member helped a Church in Poulton Deanery to purchase a new set of chairs. Thanks to this gift, they can now adapt their space easily and offer a more flexible range of ministry opportunities!