



## **Legacy Policy/Statement for St Johns and St Lukes Church Harrogate**

Christian Stewardship is quite simply how we manage the resources, wealth and possessions that have been entrusted to us and we are also the stewards of everything we own, not just our income, but our estates as well.

Many of us give regularly to our churches, but beyond our regular lifetime a gift in a will can be a final and powerful expression of gratitude and thanksgiving towards God that will help transform a churches future and support mission here in this country, and overseas. For example, every ill person visited, every confirmation course run, every school visit to church, every bereaved family comforted, every baptism celebrated, every sermon preached, and every Eucharist celebrated is an expression of our love of Christ through our care, comfort and compassion and has a profound impact on individuals and our wider community here in Harrogate.

Here at St Johns and St Lukes we welcome all gifts in wills, however large or small, and we promise to use your gift to make a difference in our parish. **Our PCC legacy policy is to use gifts to help fund significant development projects; whether this be to buildings, to purchase equipment, or to support mission.** Since needs change over the years, we encourage you to leave a gift in your will for the general purpose of the parish rather than for restricted purpose. In the past St Johns and St Lukes have benefited from the gift of a legacy in the following ways: a significant legacy paid for the re-roofing of St John's in 2011; meanwhile new bibles were purchased in memory of Anthony Scott.

When the time comes, we will discuss possible uses of you gift with your executors, bearing in mind you're known areas of interest in the church (e.g., music, buildings, children and youth, overseas mission or aid) and the churches priorities at the time.

You can be confident that your gift will be used to make a real difference to our future mission and ministry here at St Johns and St Lukes.

We will acknowledge gifts in whatever way the donor and/or his/her executors feel most appropriate to. Equally, we can make sure that gifts remain anonymous if the donor prefers.

If you would like to talk to someone in confidence about the sorts of purposes your gift might fund, and how/if you would like your gift to be acknowledged, please contact our PCC legacy officer, Rob Bath on 07817 799640, or by email [robertabath@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:robertabath@yahoo.co.uk)

If you would like to make a gift in memory of a loved one, please do come and discuss this with us too.