## Legacies and your church



When thinking about making a Will, providing appropriately for your loved ones is of course the primary consideration. But once you have sorted this out, you may also want to express your gratitude and thanksgiving towards God by leaving a legacy to your local church, especially if you take an active part in its worship and ministry. Such a gift in your Will is one of the most valuable and lasting ways you can continue to support God's mission and ministry within your locality. And, as with other charities, a gift to your church in your Will is normally free from inheritance tax.

If making a gift of this kind is something you would like to do, then one of the following clauses is suitable for including in your Will, if St Mary's is your church. However, if you are contemplating making a Will, you would be well advised to consult a solicitor about the process of drawing one up and executing it. He or she can then advise you about the wording of the document as a whole and about the formalities that need to be got right in order to make a valid Will.

## To leave a share of your estate

"I give \_\_\_\_\_\_% of my residuary estate free of all taxes to the Parochial Church Council of St Mary's, East Leake in the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham (registered charity number 1130545) for its general purposes, and I declare that the receipt of an officer of the Parochial Church Council shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors and trustees."

## To leave a fixed sum of money