

PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL

Portsmouth Cathedral Legacy Policy

Portsmouth Cathedral welcomes gifts in wills of all sizes, every legacy gift makes a real difference to our Cathedral life. Our Legacy Policy is to use gifts to help fund the vision, mission and ministry of Portsmouth Cathedral today and tomorrow.

A proportion of all gifts in wills (up to £10,000 of each legacy gift) may be used to support the Cathedral's immediate needs at the discretion of Chapter, our governing body. Gifts over this amount will be directed to Portsmouth Cathedral's Legacy Funds and used to support our mission and ministry for generations to come. In practice, this means that the Legacy Funds will be invested in assets and the annual income generated will support the mission and ministry of Portsmouth Cathedral that otherwise would not be possible. We may, from time to time, use the Legacy Fund to support strategically significant projects, whether buildings, equipment or staff, that will generate income to further the mission and ministry of the Cathedral and/or conserve our buildings and heritage. Such decisions will be made by Chapter, our governing body.

We do not know what the future will hold and the needs of Portsmouth Cathedral may change over the years. We therefore encourage you to leave a gift in your will for the general purposes of the Cathedral using the wording below as this will give us the greatest flexibility to use your gift where it is most needed. However, should you wish to direct your gift towards Music and Worship, you are now able to do so by restricting your gift to the Music and Worship Legacy Fund using the wording below. Gifts to the Music and Worship Legacy Fund will support the musical and worshipping life of Portsmouth Cathedral, whether projects, staff, equipment or buildings.

Whatever you decide, you can be confident that your gift will make a real difference to our mission and ministry.

We acknowledge legacies over £1,000 in our Annual Review. We can ensure that your gift remains anonymous if you prefer.

We know that including a gift to Portsmouth Cathedral in your will is deeply personal and some people prefer to keep their decision private. But if you have made the choice to include us in your will, we hope you will let us know so that we can thank you.

To have a confidential conversation about leaving a gift to Portsmouth Cathedral in your will and/or how you would like your gift to be acknowledged, please speak with Sophie Henstridge-Brown on 023 9289 2964 or email sophie.henstridge-brown@portsmouthcathedral.org.uk.

Suggested wording for your will

This suggested legal wording will assist your solicitor in drawing up or amending your will to include your gift to help our mission and ministry.

Wording for a residuary gift (a share of your estate)

For general purposes:

'I give ____ % of the residue of my estate free of all taxes absolutely to The Cathedral Church of St Thomas of Canterbury, Portsmouth of High Street, Old Portsmouth, PO1 2HH, for its general purposes and I declare that the receipt of the treasurer or any other proper authorised office of any institution benefitting under my Will shall be a sufficient discharge for my Trustees.'

For Music and Worship:

'I give ____ % of the residue of my estate free of all taxes absolutely to The Cathedral Church of St Thomas of Canterbury, Portsmouth of High Street, Old Portsmouth, PO1 2HH, for the support of Music and Worship and I declare that the receipt of the treasurer or any other proper authorised office of any institution benefitting under my Will shall be a sufficient discharge for my Trustees.'

Wording for a gift of money or an item

For general purposes:

'I give the sum of £ ____ [£ in words and numbers] [or the item specified] free of all taxes absolutely to The Cathedral Church of St Thomas of Canterbury, Portsmouth of High Street, Old Portsmouth, PO1 2HH, for its general purposes and I declare that the receipt of the treasurer or any other proper authorised office of any institution benefitting under my Will shall be a sufficient discharge for my Trustees.'

For Music and Worship:

'I give the sum of £ ____ [£ in words and numbers] [or the item specified] free of all taxes absolutely to The Cathedral Church of St Thomas of Canterbury, Portsmouth of High Street, Old Portsmouth, PO1 2HH, for the support of Music and Worship and I declare that the receipt of the treasurer or any other proper authorised office of any institution benefitting under my Will shall be a sufficient discharge for my Trustees.'