

Legacy Policy

St Giles Church, Codicote

It is the policy of the PCC of St. Giles, Codicote to encourage and welcome financial gifts left to the church in personal wills.

People are encouraged to leave gifts for general purposes rather than for a restricted purpose but any purposes or conditions attached to the use of these gifts should be clearly stated by the donor. The needs of the parish change with time, and it may not be possible to fulfil specific donor requests.

Where possible, the church will discuss possible uses of legacy monies with the deceased's executors, bearing in mind the PCC's current projects and plans, and the donor's known areas of interest in the church (eg, children and youth, music, buildings, etc).

The PCC notes that guidance on how to respond to the notification of a gift left to the church is available from the Church of England nationally.

Unless restrictions have been specified, the PCC's policy is to include gifts in its general fund, to support the priorities of the church at the time any gift is received.

Donations left specifically for the upkeep of the church building will be placed in St. Giles Restoration Fund, a restricted fund administered separately by the PCC for this purpose.

The PCC is grateful for all gifts received, and in response to God's generosity and as a model of sacrificial, generous onward giving, the PCC donates 10% of its general income to Christian work, through its mission partners.

The PCC commends the practice of making an onward gift of 10% of any legacy, but will take into account any known wishes of the donor and will consult, wherever possible, with the executors of the deceased before doing so.

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