# LEAVING A LEGACY

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# Celebrate life

## with a lasting legacy

**Leaving a gift in your will to High Street Methodist Church is one of the most valuable and lasting ways you can continue to support the mission and ministry in your community.**

Once you have made provision for your loved ones, you have the opportunity to make a lasting gift to God, by leaving a legacy to the church. Such a gift can be an expression of your gratitude and thanksgiving to God.

Making a will is the only certain way of ensuring that your estate is administered in accordance with your wishes.

# Help keep your local church alive and transform its future

Leaving a legacy to High Street Methodist Church enables you to share the blessings you have received with future generations. We are God's stewards, entrusted to use His gifts for the good of our family and our church family.

The New Testament is not prescriptive on the amount Christians should give, only that we should give generously, freely and cheerfully and in accordance with our means.

It is strongly recommended that you consult a solicitor to make your will to ensure that your wishes are carried out as you intend.

## Inheritance Tax

Estates over a certain level will attract Inheritance Tax currently at 40%. A legacy in favour of the church or any charity will be exempt from Inheritance Tax, and where a gift of 10% of an estate is left to the church, the Inheritance Tax rate on the remainder of the estate would currently be reduced from 40% to 36%.

Professional advice should be sought on Inheritance Tax matters.

# What to do next

You can contact us on

office@highstreet.church or 01582 713056

We can put you in contact with a member of the Church's Finance team and provide you with the information leaflet on Guidelines on Bequests produced by The Methodist Church.

# Other ways to give

You can support the work of High Street Methodist Church through regular or one-off donations by bank transfer or online.

You can find more information at

www.highstreet.church/giving

or pick up our Pledged Giving leaflet.

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