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# Leaving a Legacy



“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

## 2 Corinthians 9:7-8 NIV

### What is a will?

A will is something that we hope won't be needed for a very long time. Nevertheless, it's a vital document which looks after the people and causes you care about after you're gone.

### Why now?

Everyone knows it's a good idea to make a will. But for many of us, it's one of those things we never quite get around to doing, and there's always a reason for putting it off.

If you do not make a will, the law will decide who receives all your assets in accordance with pre-ordained rules. These unfortunately may not coincide with your own wishes.

### A Lasting Gift

A gift in your will can be an expression of your gratitude and thanksgiving towards God, and can help keep key church projects (like SEP and Adventure Camp going) as well as support (and potentially transform) the future of Church.

No matter how large or small, every gift that is left to your GCI can make a lasting difference and is a way to share the blessings you have received with future generations.





## What wording should I use when considering making a gift to Grace Communion International?

**GCI strongly advises you to seek professional advice when making or revising your Will.**

### **To give a share of your estate:**

“I give x% of my residuary estate free of all taxes to Grace Communion International (registered charity numbers 311098 SC040008) for its general purposes and I declare that the receipt(s) of the Finance Officer or other duly authorised officer shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors.”

### **If you prefer to give a fixed sum of money:**

“I give the sum of £x (write the amount in brackets in words, for clarity) free of all taxes to Grace Communion International (registered charity numbers 311098 SC040008) for its general purposes and I declare that the receipt(s) of the Finance Officer or other duly authorised officer shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors.”

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Why should I write a Will?

A valid Will ensures that your estate is distributed according to your wishes. It enables you to take care of your family and loved ones and gives you the opportunity to make a lasting difference to the causes closest to your heart.

## Is it easy to change my Will?

Yes. You do not need to write a new Will to add a gift to a charity: this can simply be done through a codicil to your Will, or you could include it in an update to your whole Will.

## Do I need to use a solicitor? Is it expensive?

No, it is not a legal requirement to use a solicitor, but using a solicitor or other qualified person is recommended. It is easy to make a mistake that invalidates your Will. Having a solicitor draw up a straightforward Will need not be expensive and mirror Wills can save couples money, should this apply.

## Where can I find a solicitor?

You can find local law firms in England and Wales through the Law Society, by visiting [lawsociety.org.uk](http://lawsociety.org.uk) or call 020 7242 1222. In Scotland, visit the Law Society of Scotland at [lawscot.org.uk](http://lawscot.org.uk) or call 0131 226 7411. In Northern Ireland, visit the Law Society of Northern Ireland at [lawsoc-ni.org](http://lawsoc-ni.org), or call 028 9023 1614.

You can also make a will online or by phone using services such as [farewill.com/make-a-will-online](http://farewill.com/make-a-will-online)

## Is there a minimum amount I have to give?

No. People often think that you must be wealthy to leave a legacy, and that bequests need to be large. Any gift will make a huge difference.

## What sort of gift can I leave?

There are two primary ways to leave a gift to a charity in your Will. The first is a residuary legacy, which is a share or percentage of the residue of your estate once other gifts and payments have been made. This means your gift keeps pace with inflation. The second is a pecuniary legacy or cash sum. Your solicitor can advise you further on these gifts and which type is right for you.

## Does inheritance tax affect my gift?

No, all legacies left to charity are completely free from inheritance tax. Your solicitor will be able to advise you on how to make your Will as tax efficient as possible.

## Is there a limit to how many charities I leave gifts to in my Will?

No. You can leave a gift in your Will to each of the charities you are passionate about. But to leave gifts to a charity/charities in your Will, you must list out each charity's gift separately. A charity cannot distribute gifts on your behalf to other charities. If you are unsure how to include your desired charity in your Will, please speak to your solicitor or contact the charity.



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