

St Michael's church, Galleywood

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We are a friendly, joyful and relaxed Church where anyone can find a home, worshipping on the hill in the beautiful setting of Galleywood Common. Just as our spire is visible for miles around, we seek to be a sign of hope for all people by proclaiming God's love, sharing the good news about Jesus Christ, and drawing people to faith in him. As disciples of Jesus, we learn from the Bible, and we recognise the need for God's Holy Spirit to transform our lives. Following the example of Jesus, and strengthened by God, we serve our village and the wider world through love, prayer and action.



## Leaving a gift to St Michael's in your will

How you can bless the church after you die





## Making a lasting gift

“...all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.”  
(1 Chronicles 29:14)

We all care about our church, and many of us give money to support its worship and its work in our community. But have you considered leaving a donation to your church in your will?

Leaving a gift in your will is a way of saying thank you to God for the gifts of a lifetime, and for your church here in Galleywood. And it's a way of saying thank you to the congregation for being your Christian family during your lifetime. It also helps to ensure that worship, preaching and teaching continue, and that the mission of God in our local area is maintained.

We welcome all gifts in wills, however large or small, and we promise to use your gift to make a difference in our parish – to preach the Gospel and serve our community in the name of Jesus Christ.

You might like to leave a gift for the general running of the church, or for a specific part of the church's mission. For example, money can be left specifically for things like: work with children and young people, evangelistic projects, the up-keep and improvement of our beautiful building or our churchyard so that successive generations of people can enjoy the quiet, spiritual space it offers.

## Your will matters

For nearly 500 years, the Church of England has encouraged people to make a will. Making a will and updating it regularly is the only way to ensure your wishes are carried out after your death, giving you peace of mind that you can continue to support family, friends and the causes you love. Christians believe that everything we have actually belongs to God, and we are called to be good stewards of what God has entrusted to us in our lifetimes. Writing a will is a part of this stewardship, since it ensures that what we leave behind is used as we would wish.

Once you have made provision for your loved ones in your will, please consider leaving some of your estate as a gift to St Michael's church. Here is some suggested wording for your will:

*“I give ... % of my estate (OR I give the sum of £ ...) free of all taxes to the Parochial Church Council of the parish of St Michael, Galleywood Common (registered charity number 1132183) for its general purposes (OR for ...). I declare that the receipt of an officer of the Parochial Church Council shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors and trustees.”*

(We strongly advise you to see a solicitor when writing or amending your will.)

If you would like to talk with someone in confidence about leaving a gift to the church in your will, please speak to

the Vicar (Revd David Cattle),  
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