

THE JOINT COUNCIL OF HOLY TRINITY AND ST JAMES'

GIFT AND LEGACY POLICY

The following policy was agreed at the Joint Church Council (JCC) meeting held on 27 May 2025.

Legacies are extremely valuable for the financial stability of the church, to further its work and maintain the fabric of the building. The JCC is extremely grateful for all bequests.

If the bequest is made for a particular aspect of the management of the church, this will be noted and adhered to. If a bequest is made with no conditions attached, it is placed within the Vicars and Churchwardens discretionary account for the appropriate parish until a suitable need is identified.

Since needs change over the years, we encourage you to leave a gift in your will for the general purposes of the parish rather than for a restricted purpose. We will discuss possible uses of your gift with your executors when the time comes, bearing in mind your known areas of interest in the church (e.g. music, buildings, children and youth, overseas mission or aid) and the church's priorities at the time.

You can be confident that your gift will be used to make a real difference to the ministry and mission of our parishes.

We will acknowledge gifts in whatever way the donor and/or his/her executors feel most appropriate. Equally, we can make sure that gifts remain anonymous if the donor prefers.

If you would like to talk to someone in confidence about the sorts of purposes your gift might fund, and how/if you would like your gift to be acknowledged, please contact Rev Rebecca Elliott on 01684 573559

If you would like to make a gift to our church in memory of a loved one, please do come and discuss this with us too.

Incumbent: Revd Rebecca Elliott