

Gifts to the Priory Fabric Fund

A legacy to the Priory's Fabric Fund will help preserve this beautiful and loved church for future generations.

Gifts to the Priory's Music Fund

At the Priory we are proud of our musical tradition. You can help the Priory's music to touch, shape and inspire even more lives.

Gifts to the Friends of Christchurch Priory

The Friends assist in the repair, conservation and improvement of the Priory fabric and support activities to preserve and beautify the church.

Gifts to our other Churches

St George's, at Jumpers, serves primarily an area of the parish bounded by the two rivers, Avon and Stour, and the railway line. This is a mostly residential area and the opportunities for mission and outreach are considerable.

St John's Mission Chapel, by the Purewell roundabout, was opened in 1881. Today the congregation at St John's is small, but remains committed to its original vision of outreach and engagement with the local community.

Making Your Will

Making a Will can set your mind at rest and ensure you can help those people and causes closest to your heart.

Take professional advice in making a Will, to ensure your intentions are met and understood clearly.

When you die, your estate will be subject to inheritance tax. If you leave money to charity your estate could benefit from reliefs from inheritance tax. Taking advice can help with this.

It is very important that your Will identifies clearly the intended beneficiary and that you identify the purpose clearly, either a general purpose, or for a specific church or for a specific purpose. Please do ask for advice about suitable words so your intentions cannot be misunderstood.

To support the Parish of Christchurch, Christchurch Priory, St George's, St John's etc., through a legacy, gifts should be expressed as made to **The Parish of Christchurch (Registered charity number 1130918)**. Please indicate whether the gift is for a specific purpose. We can help you with the wording.

To support the Friends gifts should be made to **The Friends of Christchurch Priory (Registered Charity number 1063246)**.

This is not intended as a statement of the law relating to Wills and IHT but is for guidance only. Specific advice should be taken before you consider making or updating your Will.



Parish of Christchurch Legacy Booklet v13 Your Gift to the Parish of Christchurch



Thank you for your interest in leaving a legacy to the Parish of Christchurch. This leaflet outlines ways you can leave a lasting gift to the parish.

Christchurch is a busy and active parish, in which worship is offered every day; we also seek to build up our fellowship and nurture the personal discipleship of all our members.

Our three churches serve the people of Christchurch through active involvement in the local community, and welcome all who come to our churches as pilgrims or visitors.

At the heart of the parish is the Priory Church which, from its foundation in 1094, has existed to witness to Jesus Christ, the Light of the World and hope of every generation. Since the Reformation in 1540 the Priory has been the Parish Church for the town.

Our parish's spiritual resources are limitless, because we serve a generous God. But we need financial resources too, to carry out faithfully the ministry and mission to which he has called us.

Your legacy will be used to help us achieve this. Whatever your connection with the parish, or the personal reasons for your bequest, your support will be hugely valued.

Charles Stewart

Charles Stewart—Vicar of Christchurch

Unrestricted gifts to the Parish of Christchurch

Leaving a gift that is not limited to a particular fund or purpose is one of the most helpful ways you can support the Parish of Christchurch. The Vicar, Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council can use these funds to support important and urgent projects which would otherwise lack necessary resources.

Since needs change and new challenges arise, it is impossible to offer an exhaustive list of projects which your legacy may support. What we can promise is that your gift will make a significant difference in the parish.

Gifts to Christchurch Priory

Most of the legacies we receive are directed to the Priory Church. The scale and beauty of this mediaeval building testify to the generosity of many patrons and benefactors in former days.



The Parish of Christchurch receives no money from the State nor from the Church of England nationally. It is entirely dependent upon generous benefactors.



‘The church is sensational.’

Simon Jenkins, *England’s Thousand Best Churches*

Christchurch Priory is a thriving Christian community where worship is offered daily and which welcomes around 100,000 visitors and pilgrims each year. On Sundays and special occasions fine music is provided by the Priory Choirs.