



Rochester
CATHEDRAL

Is it time for you to think about
the legacy you leave behind?



A magnificent heritage

There has been Christian worship at Rochester for over 1400 years. Today many thousands of people each year come here to enjoy the beautiful surroundings; to listen to uplifting music; to take part in activities or to join in worshipping God in this very special place.

The building and the life of Rochester Cathedral would not exist as we know it today if it were not for the generosity of men and women down the ages who, by gifts and endowments, have left us such a magnificent legacy. If we want to leave a similar legacy to future generations we need to follow their example.

Our response

It's not just the Great and the Good who can leave something behind for future generations. Everyone should make a Will and most of us can use our Will to do something wonderful for those who will come after us.

The need

It costs just under £1million each year simply to keep the cathedral running on a day-to-day basis. The cathedral is almost entirely self-funding – we receive no government money, and only £80,000 each year from central church funds. Additional projects such as improvements to the building, development of the music, or extending our ministry into new and exciting areas all depend heavily on individual giving and legacies.



The cathedral is a big building to maintain, built with stone, timber, lead, slates and glass which slowly but inexorably decay and need repair. The best way to care for it is to keep on with smaller scale projects, rather than to wait until there is a major crisis to be faced.

The recent repairs to the roof, masonry and glazing of the old Treasury at the north-east corner of the Cathedral are a typical example. However, constant care means a constant drain on resources. Generous grants help, but seldom meet more than half the cost. The shortfall can only be met by those who love this precious building and want to see it live on in sound condition for those who come after us to enjoy and to worship in.

Ian Stewart

Surveyor to the Fabric

Someone once described Choral Evensong as 'the greatest free show on earth'. The reality is that it is free but far from cheap, and Cathedral music is in danger of disappearing from the English cultural landscape without a significant injection of funding. It costs £200,000 each year to ensure the continuity of Rochester's choral tradition, so we have established a Music Endowment to ensure that music will continue to ring out from within these walls far into the future. Please help make Rochester a centre of musical excellence for the whole community.



Scott Farrell

Director of Music



Imagine you are a school teacher, some of your group may have special needs, may be autistic, sight or physically

impaired, and you'd like to take them on an outing. How will other people perceive your pupils? Will the staff at the venue be sympathetic to their needs? Will the facilities be suitable? These are questions teachers have to ask. Here at Rochester Cathedral we are trying to make sure the answers are positive for all groups and capabilities. In recent years we have built a bond of trust with special needs staff which is bearing fruit. We are now able to offer handling packs and multi-sensory tours, bible stories in Cockney Rhyming slang and learning through dance, drama and music. Your legacy would help us to build on this programme and continue to train our staff and volunteers so that all teachers and all children's needs are met irrespective of their abilities when they visit our beautiful cathedral.

Liz Simmons

Education Officer



When making or changing your Will, you will, naturally think first about your nearest and dearest; but making a Will is also a time to consider leaving something to the causes and places that are dear to our hearts. Please

consider making Rochester Cathedral one of those causes by leaving a gift in your Will, and dedicate it to the aspect of cathedral life that you prefer. Leave something wonderful for future generations.

Canon Phil Hesketh

Acting Dean of Rochester

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Please tick where appropriate

- I would like to talk to someone about leaving a Gift in my Will
- I intend to leave a gift in my Will to Rochester Cathedral
 - Dedicated to Fabric
 - Dedicated to Children & Youth work
 - Dedicated to the Music Endowment
 - Undedicated
- I have already left a Gift in my Will to Rochester Cathedral

PLEASE RETURN TO:

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The personal data you provide will be used only by Rochester Cathedral to send you other information that may be of interest.

- Please tick here if you don't want this to happen.

Things to think about before you visit a Solicitor to write your Will:
Decide what you want to include in your Will.

- a. What do you own?
- b. How do you want to leave it?
- c. Who will carry out your Will? Think about who you will appoint as Executor.
- d. Guardians for children. If necessary, how will your children be cared for?
- e. Charitable gifts - What charities would you like to support?

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