

HOW TO LEAVE A FINANCIAL GIFT to ST PHILIPS

A short guide to Mission Building the Future

Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided... comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you.

1 Chronicles 29:16 [NIV]

The familiar lines above remind us that, however long or short, our life on earth is a one-off opportunity.

Whether we use it for good or ill, to help others or to ignore them, to witness for Christ or to keep silent, is up to us. One thing is certain, we will not pass this way again.

If we take this reminder to heart, then not only will we make the best use of our time, talents and possessions in our lifetime but we will want that good influence to continue after our death.

Giving a gift to your church will ensure that God's work and the needs of his people will continue to benefit from your generosity.

The ministry of St Philips has benefited enormously from financial gifts in the past. Gifts of money, possessions and houses can enable churches to grow and develop.

Today, more than ever, gifts can be of real value in helping us to strengthen and expand our witness to the people of Cottesloe and to support Christian outreach throughout the world.

So, if you have not already done so, now is the time to make or review your Will and make provision for your church beyond

your lifetime. We do ask that you consider carefully the needs and attitudes of your immediate family and friends before proceeding with a bequest for St Philips.

Gifts should be made by Will and can be in cash, in kind (a house, jewellery or shares), a percentage of your whole estate, or the residue after other provisions have been made.

Remember, residue or percentage gifts don't get eroded by inflation, there is no inheritance tax on gifts to charity and you can often be more generous when you die and no longer have to make ends meet.

Your gift might enable us to create a new church or support a mission partner working for Christ overseas.

Your Special Gift

You should decide whether you wish your gift to be 'unrestricted' or 'designated' in its use.

An 'unrestricted' gift allows St Philips Parish Councillors (in consultation with the parishioners) to choose how your gift will be applied.

A 'designated' gift, on the other hand, enables you to choose how the gift will be applied. If you choose to designate to a particular purpose, it is recommended that you consult the church before proceeding, to ensure that your wishes can be met.



The St Philips Fund

One example of a designated gift is the St Philips Fund, which is a trust fund held by the Anglican Diocese of Perth, managed solely for the benefit of the St Philips Cottesloe.

The Fund will financially support new mission projects that are putting God's 'good news' into action, the invisible enabler for anything that encourages 'good news' ventures to flourish.

Some of the things St Philips Fund is used for include:

Training Equipping Hiring venues
Travel costs Scholarships Partnering
Missional Staff costs
Buying time to show love and mercy

How do I find out more?

The St Philips Fund Trust Deed outlines all the aspects of the relationship between you and the St Philips Fund. To see the Trust Deed, contact the church office on 9385 1042.

Making Your Wishes Formal

See a solicitor to assist in preparing your Will or adding a Codicil to make changes or, for more information, contact *Brenda Hogg*. Brenda won't prepare your Will for you but she can answer questions and generally assist you to properly instruct a solicitor who practices in Wills and estate planning.

St Philips suggests the following wording as a guide only and recommends that you consult a solicitor regarding their preferred wording.

Suggested wording to make a gift

"I give and bequeath free from all probate, estate and other duties (*the sum of amount or property*) to THE PERTH DIOCESAN TRUSTEES of Level 2, Law Chambers, 573 Hay Street, Perth, Western Australia for the benefit of St Philips Parish Cottesloe OR (*a specific purpose particular to St Philips to be stated*) and I DECLARE that the receipt of an authorised officer, secretary or treasurer of The Perth Diocesan Trustees is an absolute discharge to my executors."

Finally

Please NOTIFY us about your desire to give to the St Philips Fund through your Will.

"Strong communities of faith are built on strong foundations. God's people at St Philips have been building for over 100 years. It is only God's people who will invest financially in building on spiritual foundations that others have laid.

The St Philips Fund is your way to invest financially long term to secure our future in making Jesus known in our community.

Every little bit is welcome!"

Malcolm Potts

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