**St. Barnabas Church, Downham – Legacy Policy**

Here at St. Barnabas, Downham we welcome all gifts in wills, however large or small, and we promise to use your gift to make a difference at St. Barnabas.

Since needs change over the years, we encourage you to leave a gift in your will for the general purposes of the St. Barnabas 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 our future ministry and mission in the community.

We will acknowledge gifts in whatever way the donor and/or his/her executors feel most appropriate to. 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 Fr. Stuart Leck on 020-8698-0283.

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.

The District Church Council will be responsible for making the decisions as to how the gift is used in conjunction with the wishes of the donor and his/her executors and the Council will be governed by the Church of England “PCCs Guidance on Receiving a Legacy Policy” which can be viewed at [www.parishresources.org.uk/legacies](http://www.parishresources.org.uk/legacies).

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