

Each of us is a beneficiary of the generosity and sacrificial giving of our forebears at St Swithun's. Some of us were baptised, confirmed or married at St Swithun's. Others have seen their friends, children or grandchildren married or baptised here. We all have enjoyed the Christian teaching and fellowship that are such strong features of the active life of our Church.

We encourage you to consider how you may be able to further God's work at St Swithun's into the future.

Making a statement of Bequest in a Will is one such way.

### What is a Bequest?

A Bequest is a specific instruction made as part of a Will regarding your assets.

### Is making a Bequest easy?

Yes! If you already have a Will, the simplest way to make a Bequest is to attach a Codicil (an amendment) to your existing Will. Alternatively, you may choose to include a Bequest provision in a new Will. Whichever method you decide, we encourage you to seek legal assistance to ensure it reflects your wishes accurately and is easy for the executor of your Will to manage.

Below provides some guidance;

#### 1. Prayerfully consider whether you would like to make a Bequest to St Swithun's Anglican Church Pymble.

Think about what assets may be in your estate, and the people and organisations for whom you wish to make provision.

#### 2. Determine how you would like your Bequest to be used.

You may wish simply to make a Bequest towards the overall ministry of the Parish which would pay for things like staff, local mission, and operating costs. A general-purpose Bequest of this kind serves the ministry priorities of the Parish at that time. This could be done by making your Bequest to the *Church Wardens of St Swithun's Anglican Church Pymble (ABN 66 469 310 121)* "for its general purposes".

Alternatively, if there are specific ministries at St Swithun's which are dear to your heart, such as youth ministry, missions or music, you may specify exactly how your Bequest is to be used.

For example, you may consider supporting music and the arts through the *The Swiz Cultural Foundation (ABN 84 952 826 973)* or consider supporting major capital and maintenance projects at St Swithun's through the *St Swithun's Anglican Church Pymble Perpetual Trust (ABN 66 469 310 121)*.

Please contact the Senior Minister or Wardens if you have any questions about this.

#### 3. Decide what form your Bequest will take.

There are many forms of Bequest, including the following:

- A specific amount of money, perhaps with an adjustment for inflation;
- A specific asset such as property or shares;
- A percentage of the sale proceeds of a property; and
- A sum to be invested, with the interest provided to St Swithun's periodically.

It is entirely up to you.

#### 4. Seek legal advice to ensure your Bequest will be binding.

We recommend you seek assistance from a solicitor. Bequests of jointly held assets and assets held in Trusts (such as superannuation) must be handled differently to assets passing through your Will.

We also recommend you talk with your loved ones to minimise the chance of any challenge.

#### 5. Notify the Senior Minister of your intention to leave a Bequest to St Swithun's.

Whilst there is absolutely no obligation, it would be helpful to make the Senior Minister, or a Warden, aware of your intention to make a Bequest. It will remain confidential and will allow the Senior Minister to offer his thanks and incorporate your Bequest into St Swithun's planning regime for the future.

#### Can you change the details of your Bequest?

You can change your Will (either by making a new one or a Codicil) at any time, and this includes making changes to your Bequest.

#### Other gifts.

It is also possible to make a specific gift during your lifetime. You may do this to mark a particular event, such as a wedding anniversary, special birthday, recovery from ill health, birth of a grandchild, or perhaps a great-grandchild.

In this case, you may wish to consider the tax-deductible status of *The Swiz Cultural Foundation* (ABN 84 952 826 973). If you are considering such a gift, it would be helpful to speak with the Senior Minister, or a Warden, in the first instance.



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YOUR BEQUEST

Continuing  
God's Work

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