

LEAVING A GIFT IN *your will*



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Welcome



Dear friends,

For over 35 years, Church Urban Fund (CUF) has encouraged and equipped local leaders, community groups and churches to demonstrate the love of God through social action.

Legacy gifts constitute significantly to the annual donations that CUF receives. Without this stream of income, CUF would struggle to fund projects and support churches across England.

That is why your generosity is so important to our shared future, as so much of this work wouldn't be possible without kind-hearted people like you.

I am so grateful that you are considering supporting local people and churches in this special way. On behalf of all of us, most especially the neighbours we serve, thank you.

With every blessing,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rob" with a stylized initial "R" and a small cross-like mark.

Bishop Rob Wickham
Group Chief Executive
Church Urban Fund



"It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade."

Mark 4:31-32

How gifts in wills make a difference

Church Urban Fund will continue supporting local people, churches, and communities so they can flourish. But we need ongoing help to do so.



This impact in local communities is a testament to the power of working together. By remembering Church Urban Fund in your will, you can build on this progress for future generations and help local people and churches come together to make a difference in their communities.

Keep reading to find out how...

Did you know that:

Gifts left to us in wills account for 1/3 of Church Urban Fund's income

CUF is supporting over 600 Places of Welcome across the country with this figure rising annually, helping over 14,000 people in local communities

CUF are helping 1,600 individuals across the UK improve their presence in their local community by using our Growing Good toolkit



Growing confidence

Our Growing Good programme plays a crucial role in empowering local churches to establish strong connections with their neighbourhoods, make a difference in their communities and grow.

The Growing Good Toolkit is a free six-session course which helps churches explore innovative ways to serve their communities while growing in faithfulness and fruitfulness.

A group from St Peter's Church in Wawne took the Growing Good course to help build the profile of the church and make it the centre of the community. From the course "came a desire to do something in the village" and the idea of a pop-up cafe was born, bringing together people of all ages and backgrounds.

Rev. Eileen, Curate at St Peter's Church said: "What this has shown is that the church can be more prominent, [...] it's given a confidence that it didn't have."

Gifts in wills ensure that Growing Good can be offered widely and effectively, equipping more churches with the support and resources they need to engage with social action.

Your support helps local churches who are Growing Good.

Growing Good impact



1,600 people signed up to access the resources



Over 600 churches used the resources to run a course.

Building communities

Places of Welcome is a growing network of local community groups that want everyone in their neighbourhood to have a place to feel safe to connect, belong and contribute.

"We provide the warm welcome, tea and coffee, but it's really that space I think that people are looking for." **Rev, Laura, St George's Church, Westcombe Park.**

The participants are often isolated, elderly, disabled, vulnerable or in need of vital social connection.



"It gives me a really good incentive to come out and meet people and socialise, which I think I needed rather badly. It changes your life, it really does." **Richard, participant, recently widowed.**

Places of Welcome Impact:



714 registered locations



Reaching 1,600 people every week

Gifts in wills help maintain these spaces, ensuring they remain accessible, welcoming and resourced to meet community needs.

Your support can help make Places of Welcome possible.

Bringing connections

Positive Pathways is an outreach programme that provides personalised one-to-one support and guidance to help people overcome homelessness and rebuild their lives.

"We call them guests, we treat them like guests [...] and that's kind of been the key to the work that we've done... we meet people where they're at and we journey with them." **Project Worker**

This project helps people experiencing homelessness onto a clear pathway to stable housing and independent living, leading to a sustainable and thriving life.

"If it wasn't for them I don't know where I'd be... They helped me get off the streets, my own place, get out of an abusive relationship, and literally get my feet on the ground: doctors, housing, you name it, she helped me with everything. She's absolutely amazing." **Project participant**

Positive Pathways Impact:



2,728 cases of support given



2,028 cases of signposting

Gifts in wills allow us to address not only the physical needs but also the relational and identity aspects of poverty, fostering a sense of empowerment and self-worth.

Your support gives people a Positive Pathway to thrive.



Your legacy is personal and powerful

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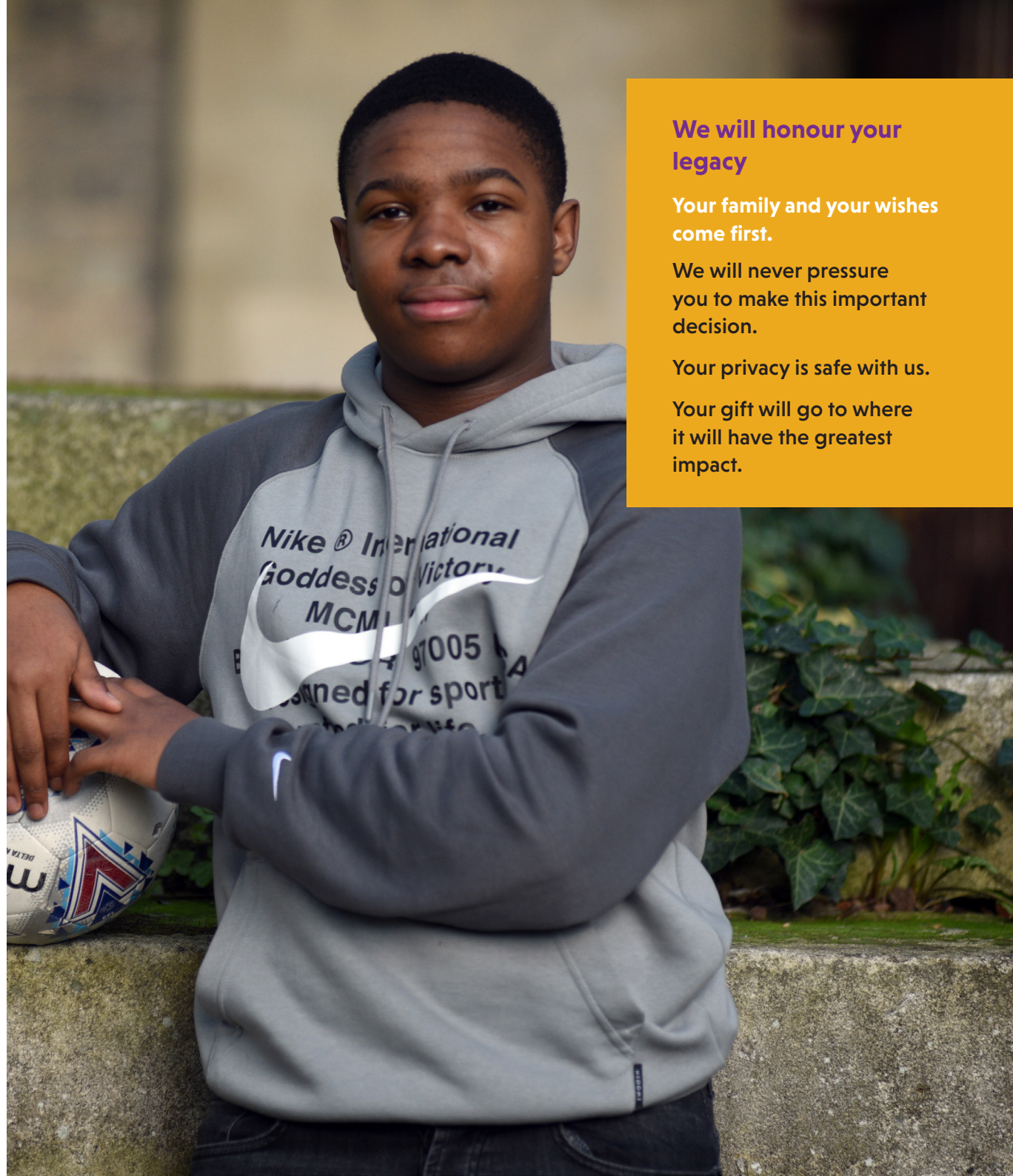
Remembering the Church Urban Fund in your Will is an investment in the future of our communities.

Your legacy, your way

The kind of gift you leave is a personal choice. You could choose to leave a percentage of your estate after your loved ones are provided for. Or you could leave a specific amount of money. Whatever you choose to give is an impactful legacy that demonstrates your faith in our future.

Every legacy puts Faith in our Future

Regardless of the size or type of your legacy gift, we are deeply grateful for your support. Your generosity will sustain our efforts to empower local communities for many years to come. We will make sure that your legacy is used wisely, using it to build even stronger communities in the future.



We will honour your legacy

Your family and your wishes come first.

We will never pressure you to make this important decision.

Your privacy is safe with us.

Your gift will go to where it will have the greatest impact.



Faith IN OUR FUTURE

If you choose to kindly include the Church Urban Fund in your will, you will join our community of caring supporters who have made this meaningful decision. We would be honoured if you would let us know of your intent so we can thank you.

While you need not provide details, learning what motivates this gift would help further our mission.

As a member of our Faith in our Future legacy fellowship, you will receive a special pin badge representing our shared vision for thriving communities.



Thank you!

Together, we are a great hope in places where life is most difficult.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our Gifts in Wills team. You could call us on **0203 752 5655** or email your details to **giftsinwills@cuf.org.uk** for a private and confidential conversation with one of our legacy team.



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