

Faith 
**IN OUR
FUTURE**



Your *Gifts in*
Wills **Guide**

**CHURCH
URBAN
FUND** 

"Love never ends." 1 Corinthians 13:8

Welcome



For over 30 years, Church Urban Fund has encouraged and equipped local leaders, community groups and churches to demonstrate the love of God through social action.

Gifts in Wills have helped fund some of our most important projects, from equipping churches to have real impact in their communities, to preventing and responding to debt and financial stress, and prioritising faith-based social action.

Without the generosity of people like you, who leave a gift in their Will to Church Urban Fund, so much of this work would not be possible.

I am so grateful that you are considering donating to Church Urban Fund in this special way. On behalf of all of us, most especially the communities we serve, thank you.

Yours in Faith,

Rachel

Rachel Whittington

Executive Director, 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*

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

In **2020 alone**, our generous supporters and partners enabled us to:



Distribute over 230,000 parcels

into the heart of communities, including school holiday food provisions and activities for children.



Engage more than 1,500

volunteers who stepped forward and gave nearly 50,000 hours of their time to help.



Deliver the Covid Cash Course to more than 1,772 community

trainers who have so far reached over 40,000 people with essential financial information.

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...



National movement, *local action*



Together Network

Social isolation, loneliness, homelessness and debt are preventing local people and communities from flourishing.

We know that churches are working hard in their local communities, but without support they cannot reach every person in need.

The Together Network is a membership of faith-based partnerships focused on the needs and priorities of the communities they serve. We have found that sharing ideas, experience and contacts helps equip churches to tackle social inequality, transform neighbourhoods and change lives.

By supporting Church Urban Fund, people like you are helping to provide national support to these local movements and ensure Christians can make a difference where they live.

Bringing *people together*

Near Neighbours

In many neighbourhoods across England, different faith and ethnic communities live and work next to each other, yet rarely interact with one another.

Such separation can lead to misunderstanding and a lack of trust or respect for one another. Yet it is local people, in local communities, who are ideally placed to identify and develop solutions that can improve their own neighbourhood.

Near Neighbours have been working with local partners across England to bring people together, so they can get to know each other, build relationships of trust and collaborate on initiatives that improve the community they live in.





Financial education *and training*

Just Finance Foundation

Financial distress has become endemic in Britain. This is due to a combination of growing inequality and poverty, a banking sector dominated by large banks that are slow to adapt, a long-standing culture of reluctance to talking about and manage money, and lack of interventions to raise financial capability.

20.3 million people in the UK don't feel confident managing their money. A further 11.5 million have less than £100 in savings and nearly 9 million are in serious debt.

Thanks to people like you, the Just Finance Foundation is helping people avoid and find ways out of financial distress by building their financial capability and providing relevant support and signposting to self-help and services. At the same time, we help provide quality financial education to primary schools, ensure future generations can talk about and manage money well.

Your legacy is *personal and powerful*

Your first thought when crafting your Will is no doubt for your family and loved ones. Once you feel they are well taken care of, you can also choose to support causes that are important to you in this powerful way.

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 too. You can leave a percentage of your estate after your loved ones are provided for. Or you can leave a specific amount of money.

Every legacy puts Faith in our Future

No matter the size or type of legacy, we want you to know that it means so much to us – especially the communities we serve. Your legacy could support local partnerships with Churches or equip people with financial resilience or encourage diverse people to work together. We will ensure your legacy is put to best use, building stronger communities for 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
where it will have the
greatest impact.







Faith IN OUR FUTURE

If you make the generous decision to leave a gift to the Church Urban Fund in your Will, you will be joining a special and compassionate group of supporters.

Once you have informed us about your legacy gift, you will be invited to join our Faith in our Future fellowship.

Faith in our Future members share our vision for a future where all people and communities flourish.

You don't have to tell us about your decision, but we would love the opportunity to thank you. Faith in our Future members also receive regular updates about our work and invitations to special events.



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

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mia Lucas-Bray in our Gifts in Wills team on **0203 752 5655** or **giftsinwills@cuf.org.uk** for a private and confidential conversation.



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