

St Edmundsbury Cathedral



Leave a Legacy



Message from the Dean

For more than a thousand years this has been a sacred site for the worship of God. Today, our Cathedral is still at the heart of community life: a natural gathering place for worship, reflection, refuge, celebration, mourning and events. And, as the polarization of society deepens, we continue to nourish peace, love and compassion; this is the kind of society – which we call the Kingdom of God – we want future generations to be able to enjoy.

I hope you would like to help us nurture it.

One way in which you might do that is to remember St Edmundsbury Cathedral in your will. This leaflet will show you how. I hope it is helpful to you and it inspires you to support us in our Christian mission.

Thank you.

Joe Hawes

The Very Revd Joe Hawes
Dean of St Edmundsbury

How your legacy can help the Cathedral

We encourage you to leave a gift without conditions so that it can be used wherever it will have the greatest effect. It can be hard to know where that will be in 5, 10 or 20 years' time. If, however, there is something of special significance for you, we are more than happy to discuss the different options available.

The four main areas to consider are:

Unrestricted

Trusting the Cathedral with the decision to direct your legacy gift to wherever our need is greatest.

Fabric

Preserving the beauty and the durability of our Cathedral building.

Learning

Enriching minds about our Christian faith and its relationships with the communities we serve.

Music

Building a sustainable future for the riches of the Anglican choral tradition at the Cathedral.

You don't need to be wealthy to leave a gift in your will; all legacies are important to us.

Different types of gift

Having first looked after your loved ones and friends, perhaps you might consider leaving a legacy to St Edmundsbury Cathedral. If you have already made a will, you can make simple changes by adding a codicil. Whatever you do, we advise you to take legal advice to ensure your wishes are accurately reflected.

Legacies can be left to St Edmundsbury Cathedral in a number of ways. The most usual are:

- Pecuniary legacy – a single lump sum. If you would like to preserve its value over the years, you can ask your solicitor to index-link it;
 - Residuary legacy – this is a gift of all, or a specified percentage, of the residue of an estate after all other bequests, debts, fees and liabilities have been distributed;
 - Reversionary gift – this is when a trust is set up for someone to enjoy the benefit of money or property in their lifetime and when afterwards, the remaining money or property would come to St Edmundsbury Cathedral;
 - Specific bequest – this is a gift of a named item such as a piece of antique furniture or some jewellery which the Cathedral may then choose to keep or sell;
 - Deed of variation – this may be used to transfer the whole or part of an inheritance that has been made to you as a beneficiary of someone else's will. The amounts transferred are free of inheritance tax liability as far as your estate is concerned.
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Leaving a charitable legacy

In addition to the lasting benefit of your legacy to the Cathedral, there are two significant tax benefits to your estate if you leave a legacy to charity:

- It is free from inheritance tax;
- If you leave at least 10% of your net estate to charity, then the inheritance tax on your remaining estate will be cut from 40% to 36%.

Here is a form of wording which a solicitor can help you adapt to suit your own circumstances:

- Pecuniary bequest – I give the sum of £..... pounds [words and figures] free of tax to The Foundation of St Edmund, The Cathedral Office, Abbey House, Angel Hill, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP33 1LS Registered Charity Number 1156695, to be used for its general charitable purposes, and I declare that the receipt of a Director or other proper officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge.
 - Residuary bequest – Subject to the payment of my debts, funeral and testamentary expenses, I give all (or a% share of) the residue of my estate to The Foundation of St Edmund, The Cathedral Office, Abbey House, Angel Hill, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP33 1LS Registered Charity Number 1156695, to be used for its general charitable purposes and I declare that the receipt of a Director or other proper officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge.
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Legacy Pledge Form for St Edmundsbury Cathedral

St Edmundsbury Cathedral recognises that your legacy intentions are a personal matter which you may wish to keep confidential. However, if you are willing to share your support, we would be very grateful if you would complete this Pledge Form. The Pledge is not legally binding; it is simply a statement of your present intentions, which will help in our long-term planning. All information will be treated in the strictest confidence.

You do not have to complete every section.

Title	Forename	Surname
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Address		
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		Postcode
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Email		
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Telephone		
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My intentions:

- () I intend to include St Edmundsbury Cathedral in my Will
- () I have already included St Edmundsbury Cathedral in my Will
- () I would like to find out more about how a legacy can help St Edmundsbury Cathedral.
Please contact me on:

I would like my legacy to support:

- () Unrestricted – I would like to give St Edmundsbury Cathedral the flexibility to direct my legacy gift to where the need is greatest
- () Fabric
- () Learning
- () Music

I intend to leave St Edmundsbury Cathedral:

- () A share of my estate
- () A cash sum
- () A specific gift

I am going to leave St Edmundsbury Cathedral a gift in my will because:

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Please return to:

The Cathedral Office, Abbey House, Angel Hill, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1LS
or scan and send by email to development@stedscathedral.org

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



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