

Remembering your Parish Church in your will



The Parish Church of
St Andrew & St Cuthman, Steyning

“Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also”

Matthew 6:20-21



A gift in your will is a gift for life

A gift in your will is a statement of your Christian values, which will enable the Church to continue in its work for the whole community, enriching the lives of those who come after you.

The present church building has stood here for over 700 years, and there has been a church in Steyning since the 8th century, the time of Saint Cuthman. Without legacies we would not have survived this long.

Making a difference for all

Here at the church of Saint Andrew and Saint Cuthman in Steyning we welcome all gifts in wills, however large or small, and we promise to use your gift to make a difference in our parish.

Our PCC Legacy Policy is that subject to any specific requirements of the donor, legacies will not be used to fund the day-to-day running expenses of the church. Legacies of over £5000 will be placed in the Church Building Fund whilst other legacies will be placed in the Special Projects Fund.

The PCC recommends that legacies are made as unrestricted gifts but will aim to use them as much as possible in accordance with your preferences.



Using your gift

We will discuss possible uses of the gift with the executors of the will when the time comes, bearing in mind any known areas of interest in the church (eg the church building, the churchyard, music, etc.) and the parish's priorities at the time.

We will acknowledge gifts in whatever way you and/or your executors feel most appropriate.

Equally, we can make sure that gifts remain anonymous if you prefer.

If you wish to make a gift to our church either in your will or in memory of a loved one and would like to talk to someone about the sorts of purposes your gift might fund then please do discuss this with either the Treasurer or Stewardship Recorder listed on page 7. Similarly, the manner in which your gift is acknowledged could be discussed at the same time.



“The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places;

Indeed, my heritage is beautiful to me”

Psalm 16:6

Steyning Parish Church: ‘A Church for All’

The Parochial Church Council is embarking on a programme of improvements, in order to make our historic church accessible to all, and to enable the whole community to enjoy this beautiful building for a variety of uses. Your gift will be invaluable in helping us make this happen.

Clear and correct

If you have not yet made your will, or if you have not updated your will for some time, are you sure that your wishes are clear and correct?

You should seek the advice of a solicitor or other legally qualified person before amending your will. An example clause is provided below.

“I give the sum of £_____ (pounds) free of all taxes to the Parochial Church Council of the ecclesiastical parish of Saint Andrew and Saint Cuthman, Steyning, Registered Charity number 1132913 in the Diocese of Chichester for its general purposes, and I declare that the receipt of an officer of the Parochial Church Council shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors and trustees.”

Ensure that your family knows the whereabouts of your will, or lodge it with a solicitor.

The bequest would be exempt from Inheritance Tax.



Making your gift

More information about making a gift to the church in your will can be found online at www.churchlegacy.org.uk.

There are regular 'Free Wills' events where solicitors will help with writing or updating wills either free or at significantly reduced cost if you include a donation to one or more registered charities. Steyning Parish Church can be included as a beneficiary alongside the sponsoring charity of your choice. See www.freewillsmoonth.org.uk for more information.

Church officers:

Treasurer: John Edwards (01903 812544).

Stewardship Recorder: Leonard Warner (01903 812752)

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The Friends of Steyning Parish Church

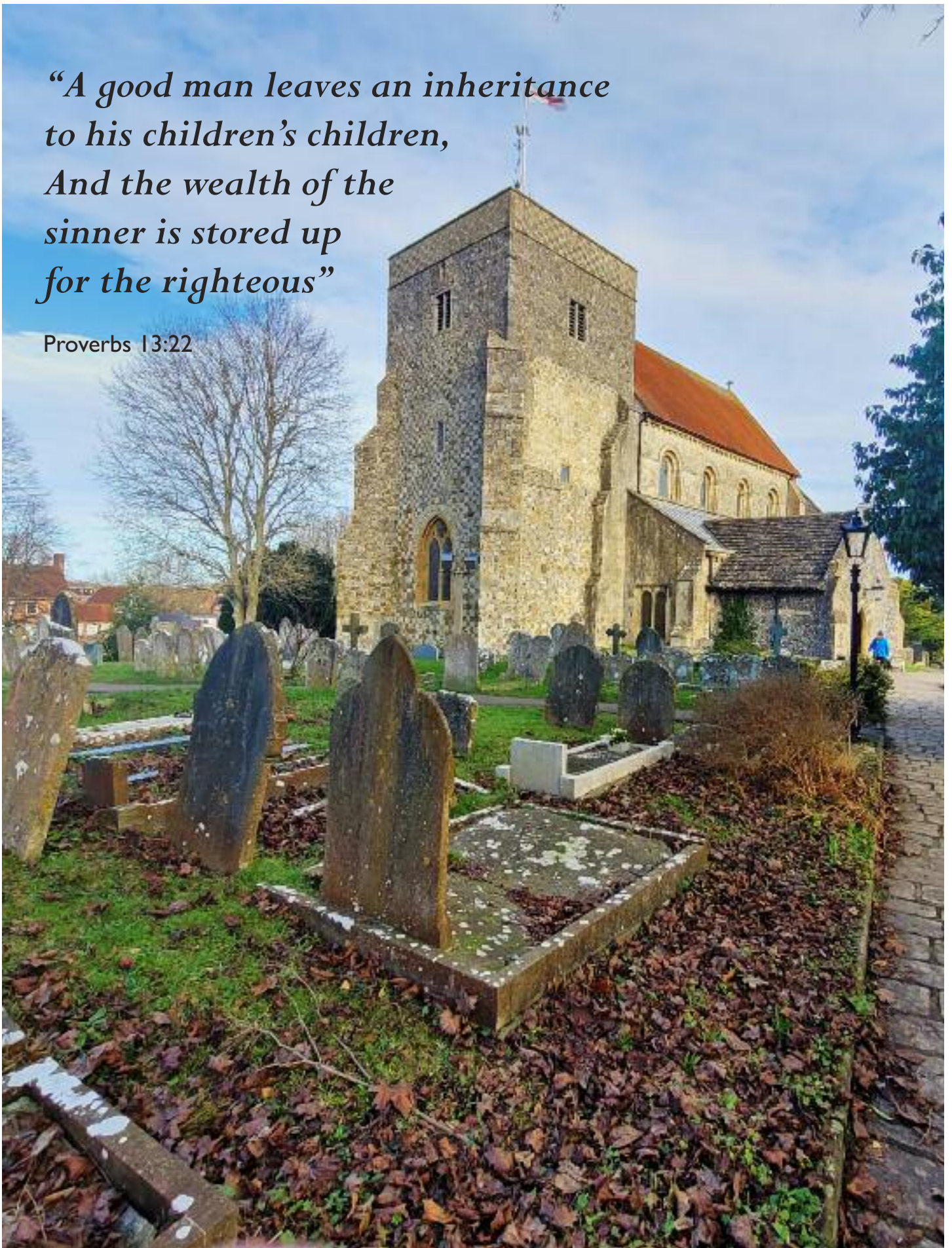
You may like to consider making a gift to the Friends of Steyning Parish Church, a registered charity (No 1169773) that exists to help with the conservation, repair, and improvement of the Parish Church of St. Andrew and St. Cuthman in Steyning and to promote the education of the public in the history of the Church.

www.friendsofspc.org



*“A good man leaves an inheritance
to his children’s children,
And the wealth of the
sinner is stored up
for the righteous”*

Proverbs 13:22



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