

MAKING A WILL and LEAVING A LEGACY



Nikolaus Pevsner in his *Buildings of England* series, describes St James' as being the best Perpendicular work in Colchester.

Architectural evidence shows that the Church was founded by the 12th century or earlier. From 1328 or earlier until the Dissolution St Botolph's priory was patron, presenting regularly except on two occasions in 1469 when Coggeshall abbey presented. We want this Church to continue. Would you help to ensure that it continues to survive for generations to come, please?

Making a Will is essential if your wishes are to be carried out. It helps your family and friends not to be placed under further stress. Dying intestate may lead to literally years of complications for your heirs trying to untangle the significances of your wishes not having been recorded in a lawfully binding method.

The Church of England has emboldened people to make a Will with reminders to 'settle their estates whilst they are in good health'. In undertaking to do so, you maintain your care for the ones you love after you have died. This is an opportunity to uphold favourite causes after your death and help to safeguard their continuance for future generations.

St James the Great Church relies on voluntary giving, donations and contributions for its future survival. Its present condition is a testimony to generations of support and gifts, which help to maintain, repair and develop the Church. It will touch the lives of countless people, for centuries to come. St James the Great Church, has stood for very nearly 800 years in East Hill, Colchester. The PCC will, God willing, set a future so that it will remain for a further millennium. A legacy, towards the general Fabric Fund, any other area of specific interest to you, or for general purposes, would be invaluable in preserving this ancient Church.

By supporting St James the Great Church, you will help maintain a historic and beautiful building, contributing to a tradition of rich Christian liturgy, excellent music, teaching and pastoral care. Ensuring it remains to be a place of prayer and Christian presence of the Sacraments of the Church.

The policy of the Parochial Church Council of St. James, the Great Church, is to use legacies or bequests to help fund significant development projects in the parish, whether buildings, equipment, staff or children and hardship

Circumstances change over the years, it may not be possible to fulfil specific donor requests, so church members are encouraged to leave legacies, if possible, for the general purposes of the parish. The PCC will, when the time comes, discuss with Executors the most appropriate use of the legacy in the light of current projects and the donor's recognised areas of interest in the Church.