



THE GIFT OF A LIFETIME

Remembering Peterborough Cathedral in Your Will

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A message from the Dean

Over its 900 years of history, Peterborough Cathedral has affected a remarkable number of lives. The support we currently receive from visitors, our congregation and numerous volunteers is testament to the fact that this building matters to people. Against a core backdrop of faith and worship, we continue to inspire and unite people of all ages and faiths through heritage, music and community activities.

But in these challenging economic times, it's important to remember that Peterborough Cathedral receives no funding from its Diocese and no direct funding from the government. We are entirely self-reliant. That's why I am so grateful when I hear that a friend of the Cathedral has remembered us in their will. Such a gift helps us continue to make a difference to people's lives.

Should you decide to leave a bequest to the Cathedral, we would like to thank you and to work with you to ensure that your wishes are carried out. This booklet explains what to do.

Helping the Cathedral plan for its next 900 years at the heart of an ever-growing community is a wonderful way of providing a lasting legacy. I do hope I will have the opportunity to thank you in person.

The Very Revd Charles Taylor
Dean of Peterborough

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

A legacy bequest can make a real difference in three key areas

Heritage

The Cathedral and its Precincts lie at the heart of Peterborough's fine history. We take our responsibility to preserve buildings and treasures of national and international significance very seriously. Your support will help us maintain:

- The 900-year-old Cathedral building, with its unique 13th-century painted wooden ceiling.
- The exquisite fifteenth-century fan vaulting in the New Building.
- The forty-two historic listed buildings within our Precincts.
- The Cathedral Precinct Walls, the oldest walls in the city, dating from the eleventh century.
- The burial place of the first wife of Henry VIII, Katharine of Aragon, thought by some to have saved this great Norman Abbey from destruction during the Dissolution of the Monasteries
- The remains of a Norman castle within the Deanery Garden, built by a follower of William the Conqueror.
- The Hedda Stone, an Anglo-Saxon carving of national importance, dating from about 800 AD.

Music

Peterborough Cathedral is extremely proud to be a part of the great British Choral Tradition, making world-class music six days a week. The Cathedral Choir provides a remarkable educational opportunity for the sixty local boys and girls, aged 7 to 13 years old, who serve as choristers:

- The choristers all attend the King's School, which is a state-funded Academy and therefore does not charge fees. This is almost unique amongst Cathedral Choir Schools, and ensures that any local child, regardless of their class or cultural background, has the opportunity to be a chorister.
- Peterborough is a multicultural city, and the current choir comprises children of different faiths and backgrounds.. The professional training they receive gives them a thorough grounding in the British Choral Tradition, as well as a more general musical understanding and discipline, the educational significance of which cannot be over-emphasised.
- Each chorister's musical education costs £5,000 per year and is entirely funded by donations.

Community and education

The Cathedral's new Visitor and Education Centre will help us increase our visitor numbers. We are opening our doors to the community wider than ever, encouraging local people to use their Cathedral. The new facilities offer:

- State-of-the-art education suites where each year thousands of schoolchildren come to learn about the Cathedral and its historical significance.
- Community facilities such as the Knights' Chamber, a unique space in the city centre available to hire for a variety of events.

We also continue to provide meeting spaces for local gatherings including armed forces veterans, faith discussion and local theatre groups. It's an extremely important part of our mission as a Cathedral to be able to support our local community. With your help, we can continue to fund this vital work.

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Why we supported our Cathedral

Sharon and Jay Abbott



"It was our daughter, Ria, who introduced us to Peterborough Cathedral. Ria loves singing and wanted to join the Cathedral choir. When she got a place we truly discovered how wonderful the Cathedral is! It has become a major part of our lives and Ria

thrives as a member of the Choir. It's like having a second family! It was during a Free Wills Week in 2013 that we decided to make an appointment with a solicitor to draft our will. It wasn't morbid at all – just re-assuring. We have now left a legacy to the Cathedral Music Department. We appreciate so much the musical education that Ria is receiving and we love the way of life it has given us. We are happy to know that our legacy will be providing more children and their families with this same opportunity."

Mary Boyall



"As a young child I was taken by my grandmother to visit the Cathedral. Little did I realise how important the Cathedral would become to me. In 1994 I was encouraged by a friend to do some voluntary work there. Since then it has simply become a huge part of

my life and that of my dear late husband, Gordon. From the wonderful Sunday Eucharist, guiding, working with The Friends, helping in the café, working in the shop; so many things have come my way... I am filled with joy every time I enter the Cathedral Precincts and if my legacy can help in a small way to preserve this building to God then I am so grateful. May I say to anyone reading this that a legacy left to the Cathedral will maintain its mission for future generations and will sustain the life of the building and bring joy to people in the future as it does now."

GIFTS AT THE HEART OF CATHEDRAL LIFE

How legacy gifts have already made a difference

Mary Hargreaves



Mary Hargreaves lived in Salisbury and had little connection with Peterborough. She had been inspired by a former Canon of Peterborough who had talked passionately about the difference we were making to our community. She left a gift which enabled

us to buy No 27 Minster Precincts. This property now provides essential rental income for emergency projects. We hope Mary would be heartened by what her gift has enabled us to achieve. In recognition, the building was renamed William Robinson House in honour of Mary's father.

Sir Jock Kennedy



Air Chief Marshal Sir Jock Kennedy became the Cathedral's Legacy Ambassador in 2011. He firmly believed in the difference a legacy bequest to the Cathedral would make, saying "My involvement inspired me to want to support

its future. Every gift will have a significant impact." Sir Jock was a wonderful ambassador for the Cathedral, attending a meeting here just two days before his death in 2013. The gift he made in his will lives on here every day, supporting the upkeep of the buildings he loved.

PLAN YOUR LEGACY WITH US TODAY

We are here to help

Leaving a gift in your will is an important decision and the most personal gift you can make. We are here to help you. If you would like to talk to someone about making a bequest, please contact the Legacy Department on 01733 355301 or campaign@peterborough-cathedral.org.uk.

We are also in partnership with a number of local solicitors who can assist you to make or change your will. They can also advise on important issues such as inheritance tax thresholds

and care home fees. If you choose to contact any of these solicitors, do let them know you are considering leaving a gift to Peterborough Cathedral.

These solicitors have all shown their support by offering a free wills service to those leaving a legacy to the Cathedral. If you are interested in this offer, do contact the Legacy Department to find out more.



OUR THANKS TO YOU

All legacy donors become members of our Ambassadors Guild – a special association for those who have made a commitment to leave a legacy to the Cathedral. We hold an annual event for members to thank them for their help in securing the Cathedral's bright future. Don't forget to let us know if you leave us a gift in your will.

Further information about the Cathedral's 900th Anniversary Campaign can be found at www.peterborough900.org.uk

