

Remembering Peterborough Cathedral In Your Will

Your gift to the future.



About Peterborough Cathedral Development and Preservation Trust CIO

Our aim is to support the development and preservation of Peterborough Cathedral, raising funds to secure its mission, ministry, and ancient fabric for generations to come.



A gift of £3,000 will support a boy or girl chorister for a year or £18,000 will fund a 6 year choristership in your name. Your support will not only sustain Cathedral music it will give talented young people the opportunity

to learn and develop.

How Your Support Can Make a Difference

Cathedral Building, Furnishings, Precincts & Heritage

Peterborough Cathedral needs to spend £1.2 million per year on essential repairs and restoration. By leaving us a gift in your Will we can preserve the buildings and treasures of national and international significance for generations to come. Your support will help us maintain:

- The 900-year-old Cathedral building, with its unique thirteenth-century painted wooden ceiling.
- The burial place of the first wife of Henry VIII, Queen Katharine of Aragon.
- The Hedda Stone, an Anglo-Saxon carving of national importance, dating from about 800 AD.
- The Cathedral
 Precinct Walls, the
 oldest walls in the
 city, dating from
 the eleventh-century.
- The exquisite fifteenth-century fan vaulting in the New Building.



Cathedral Music and Choristers

Music is at the heart of Cathedral life, however, maintaining such choral excellence comes at a cost. Servicing the Cathedral's Music Department costs £225,000 annually. By leaving a gift to Music you will be helping to sustain the music of the Cathedral and giving talented young people the opportunity to learn and develop.

Peterborough Cathedral is proud to be part of the great English Choral Tradition, making world class music six days a week. The Cathedral Choir provides a remarkable educational opportunity for the 50 local boys and girls, aged 7 to 13 years old, who serve as charisters.

- Each chorister's musical education costs £3,000 per year and is entirely funded by donations.
- The choristers all attend the The King's
 (The Cathedral) School, which is a state-funded
 Academy. This is almost unique amongst
 Cathedral Choir Schools and ensures that any
 local child, regardless of their 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 English Choral Tradition, as well as a more general understanding of music, self-discipline and experience of working in a team. The educational significance cannot be over-emphasised.

Community and Education

The Cathedral Visitor and Learning Centre opened in 2016 and has enabled us to engage more fully with visitors and the local community as never before. To encourage local people to use the Cathedral, we offer:

- State of the art education rooms where each year thousands of school children come to learn about the Cathedral and its religious, cultural and historic significance.
- Community facilities such as the Knights' Chamber and Almoner's Hall - unique spaces in the city centre which can be used for a variety of events and activities.
- Meeting spaces for a variety of charities and organisations such as the Armed Forces Veterans and faith discussion groups, as well as a venue for small exhibitions and performances.

We are also developing our work in helping to meet the needs of the homeless, elderly and vulnerable.

Remember your last school visit?

Help us to create lasting memories for school children, leaving them keen to return to this special place again and again.



Worship and Mission

Peterborough Cathedral is first and foremost a place of worship. The Cathedral was built to give glory to God and that priority still inspires the rhythm of daily prayer, praise and music. The rich variety of worship touches both young and old, marking key moments in the life of the city, the diocese, the nation and the individual.

By leaving a gift to Peterborough Cathedral, for worship and mission, you will be helping to sustain its long tradition of serving as a beacon to the glory of God.

Peterborough Cathedral

If you really want to help, leave a gift in your Will to Peterborough Cathedral without restrictions. This allows us to be more flexible and allocate your gift to where it's most needed at the time, be that the fabric of the building, the Music Department or one of the many unexpected costs that the Cathedral faces each year.

My Gift to Peterborough Cathedral Trust

Several solicitors have offered a free Will service to those who are planning to make a gift to Peterborough Cathedral. Your Will is an ideal way to show your support for this very special place. Whether you are passionate about the building, its music, education work or mission, your gift will enable us to support the development and preservation of Peterborough Cathedral for future generations.

What's more, if you choose to leave 10% of your estate to charities (of which the Cathedral Trust is one), you will pay a reduced rate of inheritance tax for your entire estate (currently 36% rather than 40%).

Suggested Wording

"I would like to leave the (your chosen fund)% of the residue of my estate to be used at their discretion. The receipt of the appropriate authority shall be good discharge for my Executors."

"I would like to leave the (your chosen fund) the sum of \pounds to be used at their discretion. The receipt of the appropriate authority shall be good discharge for my Executors."

FREE WILL SERVICE AVAILABLE

Please contact us to arrange a free Will with the Solicitor of your choice below:

E: pctadmin@peterboroughcathedraltrust.org



A number of local solicitors' firms support us by offering to draw up a basic will for anyone considering leaving a gift to the Cathedral. You are under no obligation to leave anything to the Cathedral to take advantage of this offer, but we very much hope you will consider doing so. If you would like to arrange an informal chat, please contact Peterborough Cathedral Trust on 01733 355315.



Thank you for remembering Peterborough Cathedral in your Will.



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