

## Your legacy for the future

Here at Bishop Hannington Church our policy is to use legacies to help fund significant development projects in the parish.

Church members are encouraged to leave gifts in their wills for the general purposes of the parish, as it is not always possible to fulfil specific donor requests for specific activities. However, the Parochial Church Council (PCC) will discuss with executors the most appropriate use of the gift in the light of current projects and the donor's known areas of interest in the church (eg children and youth, music, buildings).

In the past, we have been greatly blessed by gifts left to the church. Examples of recent projects that have benefited from a legacy include:

- funding the installation of the livestreaming equipment in the church
- replacement of one of the high windows in the church
- providing funding so that mission activities at home and abroad can go ahead
- helping us meet the cost of supporting non-ordained staff

It is often the case that the gift was a vital enabler in securing the additional funding necessary to complete a project.

Whether large or small, gifts left to Bishop Hannington Church and its partner organisations will make a real difference to our mission and our ministry.

## Will Aid – Wills for free!

Every November, Will Aid works with solicitors all over the UK to run "National Make a Will" month.

Instead of paying the solicitors a fee for writing your basic Will, you are invited to make a donation to one of the Will Aid charities (which include Christian Aid). At the same time, you could include Bishop Hannington Church, BHCWT and JHMT in your will.

See [www.willaid.org.uk](http://www.willaid.org.uk) for further details about how it works. (Booking starts in September for November appointments.)

*"Life is completely different now from what it was. It suddenly makes sense. Realising that Christianity isn't about going to church once a week and trying to be a 'good person', but is about having a personal relationship with God, has changed my life."*

Thank you for your support

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and its partner organisations:

BH Christian Workers' Trust  
(BHCWT) and  
James Hannington Memorial Trust  
(JHMT)



**A brief guide:  
Why make a will ...  
... and how to do it and  
leave a Legacy**

## Why make a will?

Making a will is something everyone should do! This will protect your family and make sure your wishes are carried out. Your will can also contain details of any legacies that you want to make.

Very often a legacy is a gift that people could not have afforded in their lifetime. By leaving a gift to **Bishop Hannington Church, BH Christian Workers' Trust** and/or **James Hannington Memorial Trust** in your will you can continue to make a difference to our ministry and to people's lives long into the future.

Each of the three separate organisations is a registered charity with a shared mission to "make disciples of Christ in Brighton & Hove and for the world".

Making a will also fulfils the calling on Christians to be responsible stewards as well as being a powerful declaration of the beliefs and values we hold dear as Christians. It is a way of acknowledging that all we have been given comes from God (1 Chronicles 29:14) and as such should be used as a testimony to His goodness.

There are also tax benefits of leaving a legacy to a charity – Inheritance tax is complicated, but you can at present leave, after gifts to charities in your will, up to £325,000 before inheritance tax is incurred (please check with your legal advisor for up to date figures).

## How to leave a legacy to our church

The best way to make a will and leave a legacy is to see a solicitor. If you don't know a solicitor, ask your family and friends if they do. A solicitor will also be able to discuss the most tax efficient approach for your will.

Solicitors will help you with all the technical details of the will, but you will need to tell them how you want to divide your assets up after you die, and who you want to act as your executors (they make sure your wishes are carried out).

A helpful worksheet to use as you think through your wishes is available in a free pack from the Church of England. Call 08445 870 875 to request a copy, or download it: [www.churchlegacy.org.uk](http://www.churchlegacy.org.uk).

See also overleaf about **Will Aid**, for how a solicitor could prepare your will for free!

To include **Bishop Hannington Church, BH Christian Workers' Trust** and/or **James Hannington Memorial Trust** in your will, you can state that you will give:

- a proportion of your estate;
- a specific, fixed sum; or
- a specific item (it would help if you first discussed this with the relevant treasurer).

If you already have a will, but would like to change it, this is usually a simple process. If a solicitor helped with your will, please contact them to arrange this.

## More Information

For further information on how to make a legacy or to set up regular giving to **Bishop Hannington Church, BHCWT** and/or **JHMT** please contact:

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**JHMT** treasurer: Roger Bellamy  
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the church office:  
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or contact us via our website:  
<http://www.bhmc.org.uk/contact-us>

See overleaf for some examples for how legacies have already made a difference to Bishop Hannington Church.

Bishop Hannington Memorial Church is a registered charity no 1130527

BH Christian Workers' Trust is a registered charity no 1142493

James Hannington Memorial Trust is a registered charity no 284183